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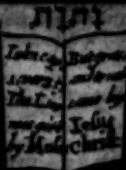
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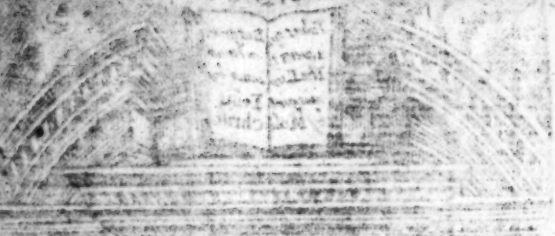
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 and Peace, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD.

GREAT and manifold were the blessings (most dread Sovereign) which Almighty
 GOD, the Father of all mercies, bestowed upon us the people of England, when
 first he sent your Majesties Royall person to rule and reigne over us. For
 whereas it was the expectation of many, who wished not well unto our Sion
 that upon the setting of this bright Occidental Star, Queen Elizabeth of most
 happy memory, some thick and palpable clouds of darkness would so have overshadowed
 this land, that men should have been in doubt which way they were to walk, and that it
 should hardly be known, who was to direct the unsettled Star: the appearance of your Ma-
 jestie, as of the Sun in his strength, instantly dispelled those supposed and surmised mists,
 and gave unto all that were well affected, exceeding cause of comfort, especially when we
 beheld the governments established in your Highnes, and your hopeful seed, by an un-
 doubted title, and this also accompanied with peace and tranquillity at home and abroad.
 But amongst all our joyes there was no one that more filled our hearts, then the blessed
 continuance of the preaching of Gods sacred word amongst us, which is that inestima-
 ble treasure, which exceedeth all the riches of the earth, because the fruit thereof exten-
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 sed men unto that eternall happynesse which is above in heaven. Then not to suffer this
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 the famous predecessor of your Highnesse did leave it: nay, to go forward with the con-
 fidence and resolution of a man in maintaining the truth of Christ, and propagating it
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 jesties loyal and religious people unto you, that your very name is precious amongst them,
 their eyes doth behold you with comfort, and they blesse you in their hearts, as that san-
 ctified person, who under Gods name is the immediate author of their true happynesse. And
 this their contentment doth not diminish or decay, but every day it increaseth and encreaseth
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 doth not slack or go backward, but is more & more kindled, manifesting it self abroad in
 the surest part of Christendome, by writing in defence of the truth, (which hath given
 such a blow unto that man of sin, as will not be healed) and every day at home by religi-
 ous and learned discourses, by frequenting the house of God, by hearing the word preached,
 whereby the teachers thereof, by caring for the Church as a most tender, and loving
 nursing Father. There are infinite arguments of this right Christian and religious affec-
 tion in your Majestie: but none is more forcible to declare it to others, then the vehem-
 ent and perpetuated desire of the accomplishing and publishing of this work, which now
 with all humility we present unto your Majestie. For when your Highnesse had once out
 of deep judgement apprehended how convenient it was, that out of the original sacred
 tongues, together with comparing of the labours, both in our own and other foreign lan-
 guages, of many worthy men who went before us, there should be one more exact transla-
 tion of the holy Scriptures: (as the English tongue) your Majestie did never cease to urge
 and to excite those to whom it was commended, that the work might be hastened, and that
 the business might be expedited in so decent a manner, as a matter of such importance
 might justly require. And now at last, by the merite of God, and the continuance of our
 labour, it being brought unto such a conclusion, as that we have great hope that the
 Church of England shall reap good fruits thereof; we hold it our dutie to offer it to your
 Majestie, not onely as to our King and Sovereign, but as to the principal mover and au-
 thor of the work: Humbly craving of your most sacred Majestie, that since things of this
 qualitie have ever been subject to the censure of ill-meaning and discontented persons,
 it may receive approbation and patronage from so learned and judicious a Prince as
 your Highnesse is, whose allowances and approbation of our labours, shall more honour and
 encourage us, then all the valuations and hard interpretations of other men shall dis-
 may us. So that, if on the one side we shall be traduced by peevish persons at home
 abroad, who therefore will maligne us, because we are poor instruments to make Gods
 holy truth to be yet more and more known unto the people, whom they desire still to keep
 in ignorance and darkness: or if on the other side, we shall be malign'd by self-conceited
 brethren, who run their own way, and give liking unto nothing but what is framed by
 themselves, and hammered on their anvils; we may rest secure, supported with us by the
 truth and innocence of a good conscience, having walked the wayes of simplicity and
 integrity as before the Lord, and sustained without, by the powerfull protection of your
 Majesties grace and favour, which will ever give countenance to honest and Christian
 endeavours, against bittes, censures, and uncharitable imputations. The Lord of heaven
 and earth blesse your Majestie with many and happy dayes, that as his heavenly hand
 hath enriched your Highnes with many singular and extraordinary graces: so you may
 be the wonder of the world in this latter age, for happynesse and true felicity, to the honour
 of the great GOD, and the good of his Church, through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord and only
 Saviour.

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of all the books of the Old and New
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The

The first book of
M O S E S,
called
G E N E S I S.

C H A P. I.

- 1 The creation of heaven and earth, &c.
26 Of man in the image of God.
29 The appointment of food.

IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw that the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, & the darkness he called Night: and the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 ¶ And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters; and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament, from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven: and the evening and the morning were the second day.

9 ¶ And God said, Let the waters under y^e heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear; and it was so.

10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit-tree yielding fruit after his kinde, whose seed is in it self, upon the earth: and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kinde; and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in it self, after his kinde: and God saw that it was good.

13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

14 ¶ And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven, to divide the day from the night: and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for dayes, and years.

15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven, to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

18 And to rule over the day, and over the night, & to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may flye above the earth, in the open firmament of heaven.

21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth which the waters brought forth abundantly after their kinde, and every winged fowl after his kinde: and God saw that it was good.

22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the sea, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24 ¶ And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kinde, cattel, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kinde: and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kinde, and cattel after their kinde, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kinde: and God saw that it was good.

26 ¶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattel, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them;

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and sub due it, and have dominion over the fish of y^e sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29 ¶ And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed: to you it shall be for meat:

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

C H A P. II.

- 1 The first sabbath. 3 The planting of Eden. 17 The tree of knowledge. 19, 20 The creature named J. 21 Woman made, and marriage instituted.

THUS the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made: And he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

3 And God blessed the seventh day,

and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work, which God created and made.

4 ¶ There are the generations of the heavens and of the earth, when they were created: in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

5 And every plant of the field, before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field, before it grew: for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.

6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

8 ¶ And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

9 And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food: the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

11 The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.

12 And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx-stone.

13 And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia.

14 And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.

15 And the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden, to dress it, and to keep it.

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die.

18 ¶ And the Lord God said, It is not good: that the man should be alone: I will make him an help meet for him.

19 And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air, and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field: but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in stead thereof.

22 And thereib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This is now bone

of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, & shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife: and were not ashamed.

CHAP. III.

1 The serpent deceiveth Eve. 6 Man's fall. 15 The promised seed. 16 Man's punishment, 22 and loss of paradise.

NOW the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made: and he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die.

5 For God doth know, that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened: and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise; she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig-leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

8 And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day; and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

9 And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden: and I was afraid, because I was naked; and hid myself.

11 And he said, who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee, that thou shouldst not eat?

12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13 And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

14 And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field: upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life.

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception: in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the dayes of thy life.

18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee: and thou shalt eat the herb of the field.

19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto y^e ground: for out of it wast thou taken; for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

20 And Adam called his wives name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

22 ¶ And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever;

23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground, from whence he was taken.

24 So he drove out the man: & he placed at the east of the garden of Eden, cherubims, & a flaming sword, which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

CHAP. IV.

1 The birth of Cain and Abel. 2 The murder of Abel. 3 The curse of Cain.

19 Lamech and his two wives.

And Adam knew Eve his wife: and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

2 And the again bare his brother Abel: and Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 And in processe of time it came to passe, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD:

4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock, and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel, and to his offering.

5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

6 And the LORD said unto Cain, why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall he his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to passe when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

9 ¶ And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brothers keeper?

10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brothers blood crieth unto me from the ground.

11 And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brothers blood from thy hand.

12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength. A fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

13 And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater then I can bear.

14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth: and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to passe, that every one that findeth me shall slay me.

15 And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him seven-fold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

16 ¶ And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

17 And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.

18 And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: & Mehujael begat Methusael: & Methusael begat Lamech.

19 ¶ And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.

20 And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle.

21 And his brothers name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.

22 And Zillah, she also bare Tubal-cain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

23 And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah & Zillah, Hear my voice ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt.

24 If Cain shall be avenged seven-fold, truly Lamech seventy and seven-fold.

25 ¶ And Adam knew his wife again: and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said he, hath appointed me another seed in stead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son: and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.

CHAP. V.

1 The genealogie, age, and death of the patriarchs from Adam to Noah. 2 The godlinesse and translation of Enoch.

This is the book of the generations of Adam: in the day that God created man, in y^e likeness of God made he him:

1 Male and female created he them: and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

2 ¶ And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image, and called his name Seth.

3 And the dayes of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years, and he begat sons and daughters.

4 And all the dayes that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.

5 And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enos.

6 And Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters.

7 And all the dayes of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years, and he died.

9 ¶ And Enos lived ninety years, and began Calnan.

10 And Enos lived after he began Calnan eight hundred and fifteen years, and began sons and daughters.

11 And all the dayes of Enos were nine hundred and five years, and he died.

12 ¶ And Canan lived seventy years, and began Mahalaleel.

13 And Canan lived after he began Mahalaleel eight hundred and forty years, and began sons and daughters.

14 And all the dayes of Canan were nine hundred and ten years, and he died.

15 ¶ And Mahalaleel lived sixty and five years, and began Jared.

16 And Mahalaleel lived after he began Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and began sons and daughters.

17 And all the dayes of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years, and he died.

18 ¶ And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he began Enoch.

19 And Jared lived after he began Enoch eight hundred years, and began sons and daughters.

20 And all the dayes of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years, & he died.

21 ¶ And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and began Methuselah.

22 And Enoch walked with God after he began Methuselah three hundred years, and began sons and daughters.

23 And all the dayes of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years.

24 And Enoch walked with God, and he was not: for God took him.

25 ¶ And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty & seven years, & began Lamech.

26 And Methuselah lived after he began Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years, and began sons and daughters.

27 And all the dayes of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years, and he died.

28 ¶ And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and began a son.

29 And he called his name Noah, saying, This same shall comfort us concerning our work & toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed.

30 And Lamech lived after he began Noah five hundred ninety and five years, and began sons and daughters.

31 And all the dayes of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and seven years, and he died.

32 And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah began when Ham, & Japheth.

CHAP. VI.

1 The wickedness of the world causeth the flood. Noah findeth grace. 14 The order, form, and end of the ark.

And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on y face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them.

2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were fair: and they took them wives of all which they chose.

3 And the LORD said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man: for that he also is flesh: yet his dayes shall be an hundred and twenty years.

4 There were giants in the earth in those dayes: and also after that, when the

sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children unto them: the same became mighty men, which were of old, men of renown.

5 ¶ And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man, whom I have created, from the face of the earth, both man and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air: for it repenteth me that I have made them.

8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

9 ¶ These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations: and Noah walked with God.

10 And Noah began three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled w violence.

12 And God looked upon the earth, and behold it was corrupt: for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me: for the earth is filled with violence through them: and behold, I will destroy them w the earth.

14 ¶ Make thee an ark of Gopher-wood: rooms shalt thou make in the ark, & I will pitch it within and without with pitch.

15 And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: the length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, y breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

16 A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above: and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof: with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.

17 And behold, I, even I do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven: and every thing that is in the earth shall die.

18 But with thee will I establish my covenant: and thou shalt come into the ark; thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons wives with thee.

19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee: they shall be male and female.

20 Of fowls after their kinde, and of cattel after their kinde, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kinde: two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive.

21 And I take thee unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

CHAP. VII.

1 Noah with his family enveth the ark. 17 The beginning, increase, and continuance of the flood.

And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark;

for then have I seen righteous before me
in this generation.

2 Of every clean beast thou shalt take
to thee by sevens, the male and his fe-
male: and of beasts that are not clean by
two, the male and his female.

3 Of fowls also of the air by sevens,
the male and the female, to keep seed
alive upon the face of all the earth.

4 For yet seven dayes, and I will cause
it to rain upon the earth forty dayes
and forty nights: and every living sub-
stance that I have made, will I destroy
from off the face of the earth.

5 And Noah did according unto all
that the LORD commanded him.

6 And Noah was six hundred years old,
when y flood of waters was upon y earth.

7 ¶ And Noah went in and his sons, &
his wife, & his sons wives with him, into
the ark: because of the waters of y flood.

8 Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are
not clean, and of fowls, and of every
thing that creepeth upon the earth.

9 Therewent in two and two unto Noah
into the ark, the male and the female, as
God had commanded Noah.

10 And it came to passe after seven
dayes, that the waters of the flood were
upon the earth.

11 ¶ In the six hundredth year of Noahs
life, in the second moneth, y seventeenth
day of the moneth, the same day were all
the fountains of y great deep broken up,
& the windows of heaven were opened.

12 And the rain was upon the earth
fourty dayes and fourty nights.

13 In the self same day entred Noah,
and Shem, and Ham, & Japheth, the sons
of Noah, and Noahs wife, and the three
wives of his sons with them, into y ark.

14 They, and every beast after his kinde,
and all the cattel after their kinde, and
every creeping thing that creepeth upon
the earth after his kinde, and every fowl
after his kinde, every bird of every sort.

15 And they went in unto Noah into
the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein
is the breath of life.

16 And they that went in, went in male
and female of all flesh, as God had com-
manded him, and the LORD shut him in.

17 And the flood was fourty dayes up-
on the earth: and the waters increased,
and bare up the ark, and it was lift up
above the earth.

18 And the waters prevailed, and were
increased greatly upon the earth: & the
ark went upon the face of the waters.

19 And the waters prevailed exceed-
ingly upon the earth, and all the high
hills, that were under the whole heaven,
were covered.

20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters
prevail: & the mountains were covered.

21 And all flesh died that moved upon
the earth, both of fowl, and of cattel, and
of beast, and of every creeping thing that
creepeth upon the earth, and every man.

22 All in whose nostrils was the breath
of life, of all that was in the dry land,
died.

23 And every living substance was de-
stroyed which was upon the face of the
ground, both man and cattel, and the
creeping things, and the fowl of the hea-
ven: and they were destroyed from the

earth: and Noah only remained alive,
and they that were with him in the ark.

24 And the waters prevailed upon the
earth an hundred and fifty dayes.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The waters asswage. 18 Noah goeth
forth of the ark, 20 he buildeth an al-
tar, and offereth sacrifices. 21 Gods
promise to curse the earth no more.

AND God remembered Noah, and every
living thing, and all the cattel that
was with him in the ark: and God made
a winde to passe over the earth, and the
waters asswaged.

2 The fountains also of the deep, and
the windows of heaven were stopped, and
the rain from heaven was restrained.

3 And the waters returned from off the
earth continually: and after the end of
the hundred and fifty dayes the waters
were abated.

4 ¶ And the ark rested in the seventh
moneth, on the seventeenth day of the
moneth, upon the mountains of Ararat.

5 And the waters decreased continual-
ly untill the tenth moneth: in the tenth
moneth, on the first day of the moneth,
were the tops of the mountains seen.

6 ¶ And it came to passe at the end of
fourty dayes, that Noah opened the win-
dow of the ark which he had made.

7 And he sent forth a raven, which
went forth to and fro, untill the waters
were dried up from off the earth.

8 Also he sent forth a dove from him,
to see if the waters were abated from off
the face of the ground.

9 But the dove found no rest for the
sole of her foot, and the returned unto
him into the ark: for the waters were on
the face of the whole earth. Then he put
forth his hand, and took her, and pulled
her in unto him into the ark.

10 And he stayed yet other seven dayes, &
again he sent forth y dove out of the ark.

11 And the dove came in to him in the
evening; and lo, in her mouth was an
olive-leaf pluckt off: So Noah knew that
the waters were abated from off y earth.

12 And he stayed yet other seven dayes,
and sent forth the dove, which returned
not again unto him any more.

13 ¶ And it came to passe in their hun-
dredth & first year, in the first moneth, the
first day of the moneth, the waters were
dried up from off the earth: and Noah
removed y covering of the ark, & looked
& behold, the face of y ground was dry.

14 And in the second moneth, on the
seven and twentieth day of the moneth,
was the earth dried.

15 ¶ And God spake unto Noah, saying,

16 Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy
wife, and thy sons, and thy sons wives
with thee.

17 Bring forth with thee every living
thing y is with thee, of all flesh, both of
fowl, and of cattel, and of every creeping
thing that creepeth upon the earth: that
they may breed abundantly in y earth, &
be fruitful, and multiply upon y earth.

18 And Noah went forth, and his sons,
and his wife, and his sons wives & him:

19 Every beast, every creeping thing,
and every fowl, and whatsoever creepeth
upon the earth, after their kinde, went
forth out of the ark.

20 ¶ And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord, and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar.

21 And the LORD smelled a sweet savour, and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake: for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth: neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

22 While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

CHAP. IX.

God blesseth Noah. 4 Blind and murderers forbidden. 8 Good covenant, 13 by the rainbow. 21 Noah is drunken, 25 of Japheth Canaan, 29 and death.

And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth.

2 And the fear of you, and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea: into your hand are they delivered.

3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you: even as the green herb have I given you all things:

4 But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall you not eat.

5 And surely your blood of your lives will I require: at the hand of every beast will I require it: and at the hand of man, at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.

6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

7 And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply, bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

8 ¶ And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,

9 And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you:

10 And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the carrel, and of every beast of the earth with you, from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.

11 And I will establish my covenant with you, neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

12 And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me, and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:

13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

14 And it shall come to passe, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:

15 And I will remember my covenant, which is between me, and you, and every living creature of all flesh: and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

16 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon, that I may re-

member everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.

17 And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

18 ¶ And the sons of Noah that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, & Japheth: & Ham is the father of Canaan.

19 These are the three sons of Noah: & of them was the whole earth overspread.

20 And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard.

21 And he drank of the wine, and was drunken, and he was uncovered within his tent.

22 And Ham the father of Canaan saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.

23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father: and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.

24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.

25 And he said, Cursed be Canaan: a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.

26 And he said, Blessed be y LORD God of Shem: & Canaan shall be his servant.

27 God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem: and Canaan shall be his servant.

28 ¶ And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years.

29 And all the dayes of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years, & he died.

CHAP. X.

1 Noah's generations. 2 The sons of Japheth. 6 of Ham. 8 Nimrod the first monarch. 21 The sons of Shem.

Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood.

2 The sons of Japheth: Gomer, and Magog, and Ma'ath, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

3 And the sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.

4 And the sons of Javah: Eliathah, and Tharshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.

5 By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands: every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

6 ¶ And the sons of Ham: Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan.

7 And the sons of Cush: Seba, and Havilah, and Sabrah, and Raamah, and Sabreacha: and the sons of Raamah: Sheba, and Dedan.

8 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.

10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

11 Out of that land went forth Ashur, and built Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah.

The sons of Shem.

Chap. xj.

Languages confounded.

12 And Resen between Ninereb and Calah: the same is a great city.

13 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Ananim, and Lehabim, and Naphruhim, 14 And Parchurim, and Casluh: (out of whom came Philistim) and Caphtorim.

15 ¶ And Canaan begat Sidon his first-born, and Heth;

16 And the Jebusite, and the Emorise, and the Girgashite;

17 And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinites;

18 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, & the Hamathite: & afterward were the families of the Canaanites spread abroad.

19 And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as thou comest to Gerar unto Gaza; as thou goest unto Sodom and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Lasha.

20 These are the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, and in their nations.

21 ¶ Unto Shem also the father of all the children of Eber, brother of Japheth, 7 elder, even to him were children born.

22 The children of Shem: Elam, and Alhur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, & Aram.

23 And the children of Aram: Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Mah.

24 And Arphaxad begat Salah: and Salah begat Eber.

25 And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg, for in his dayes was the earth divided: and his brothers name was Joktan.

26 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazartamach, and Ierah, 27 And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah,

28 And Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba, 29 And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab: all these were the sons of Joktan.

30 And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest unto Zephara mount of the east.

31 These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.

32 These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

CHAP. XI.

1 One language in the world. 3 Babel is built. 5 Languages confounded. 10 The generations of Shem, 27 and of Terah.

And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

2 And it came to passe as they journeyed from the East, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar: and they dwelt there.

3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, & burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men build.

6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language: and this they begin to do; and

now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one anothers speech.

8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel, because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

10 ¶ These are the generations of Shem; Shem was an hundred years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood.

11 And Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

12 And Arphaxad lived five and thirty years, and begat Salah.

13 And Arphaxad lived after he begat Salah four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

14 And Salah lived thirty years, and begat Eber.

15 And Salah lived after he begat Eber four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

16 And Eber lived four and thirty years, and begat Peleg.

17 And Eber lived after he begat Peleg four hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters.

18 And Peleg lived thirty years, and begat Reu.

19 And Peleg lived after he begat Reu two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters.

20 And Reu lived two and thirty years, and begat Serug.

21 And Reu lived after he begat Serug two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters.

22 And Serug lived thirty years, and begat Nahor.

23 And Serug lived after he begat Nahor two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

24 And Nahor lived nine and twenty years, and begat Terah.

25 And Nahor lived after he begat Terah an hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters.

26 And Terah lived seventy years, and begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

27 ¶ Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran: and Haran begat Lot.

28 And Haran died before his father Terah, in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees.

29 And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abrahams wife was Sarai; and the name of Nahors wife, Milcah the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah.

30 But Sarai was barren: she had no child.

31 And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abrahams wife: and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan: and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there.

32 And the dayes of Terah were two hundred and seven years.

God calling and blessing Abram. Genes.
hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran.

CHAP. XII.

God calling Abram, blest him with a promise of Christ & His departure from Haran. 7 Canaan is promised.

NOW the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy fathers house, unto a land I will shew thee.

1 And I will make of thee a great nation: and I will bless thee, and make thy name great: and thou shalt be a blessing.

2 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

3 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

4 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brothers son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran: and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan, and into the land of Canaan they came.

5 ¶ And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land.

6 And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

7 And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Beth-el, and pitched his tent, having Beth-el on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD.

8 And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south.

9 ¶ And there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there: for the famine was grievous in the land.

10 And it came to passe, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, y he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon.

11 Therefore it shall come to passe, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife: and they will kill me: but they will save thee alive.

12 Say, I pray thee, thou art my sister: y it may be well with me for thy sake: and my soul shall live because of thee.

13 ¶ And it came to passe, that when Abram was come into Egypt, y Egyptians beheld the woman, y she was very fair.

14 The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaohs house.

15 And he intreated Abram well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and hee-asses, and men-servants, and maid-servants, and shee-asses, and camels.

16 And the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues, because of Sarai Abrahams wife.

17 And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, What is this that thou hast done unto me? why saidst thou not tell me that she was thy wife?

Abram and Lot parting.

18 Why saidst thou, She is my sister? so I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore, behold thy wife, and take her, and go thy way.

19 And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him: & they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had.

CHAP. XIII.

Abram and Lot return out of Egypt. 7 By a disagreement they part asunder.

AND Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south.

2 And Abram was very rich in cattel, in silver, and in gold.

3 And he went on his journeys from the south, even to Beth-el, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Beth-el and Hai:

4 Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

5 ¶ And Lot also, which went with Abram had flocks, and herds, and tents.

6 And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.

7 And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abrahams cattel, and the herdmen of Lots cattel: and the Canaanite & the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.

8 And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen: for we be brethren.

9 Is not the whole land before thee? Separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where: before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar.

11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan: and Lot journeyed east; and they separated themselves the one from the other.

12 Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom.

13 But the men of Sodom were wicked, & sinners before y LORD, exceedingly.

14 ¶ And the LORD said unto Abram, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art, northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward.

15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, & to thy seed for ever.

16 And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.

17 Arise, walk through the land, in the length of it, and in the breadth of it: for I will give it unto thee.

18 Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and builded there an altar unto the LORD.

CHAP. XIV.

1 The battle of the kings. 12 Let taken, and refused by Abram. 18 Melchisedek bless Abram, 20 who giveth sides.

And it came to passe in the dayes of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlamer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations.

3 That these made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zebolim, and the king of Bela which is Zoar.

3 All these were joyned together in the vale of Siddim, which is the salt sea.

4 Twelve years they served Chedorlamer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

5 And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlamer, and the kings that were with him, and smote the Rephaim in Aethiopia, Kaniim, and the Tamar in Ham, and the Emims in Shaveh Kiriathaim, and the Horites in their mount Seir, unto Elparan, which is by wilderness.

7 And they returned, and came to En-mishpat, which is Kadesh, and smote all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, that dwell in Hazon-Tamar.

8 And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zebolim, and the king of Bela (the same is Zoar) and they joyned battell with them in the vale of Siddim;

9 With Chedorlamer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar, & Arioch king of Ellasar: four kings with five.

10 And the vale of Siddim was full of salt, and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there: and they that remained fled to the mountain.

11 And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way.

12 And they took Lot Abrams brother, son (who dwelt in Sodom) and his goods, and departed.

13 An] there came one that had escaped, & told Abram the Hebrew: for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Ebec, and brother of Aner; and these were confederate with Abram.

14 And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan.

15 And he divided himself against them, he and his servants by night, and smote them, & pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus.

16 And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

17 And the king of Sodom went out to meet him (after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlamer, and of the kings that were with him) at the valley of Shaveh, which is the kings dale.

18 And Melchisedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.

19 And he blessed him and said, Bless-

ed be Abram of the most high God possessor of heaven and earth:

20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him riches of all.

21 And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thy self.

22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up my hand unto the LORD, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth.

23 That I will not take from a thread even to a shoe-latchet, & that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say: I have made Abram rich.

24 Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me; Aner, Eshcol, and Mamres let them take their portion.

CHAP. XV.

1 Abram is encouraged, & a son is promised. 6 He is justified by faith. 7 Canaan is promised again.

After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

2 And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless: and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?

3 And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and lo, one born in my house is mine heir.

4 And behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir, but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.

5 And he brought him forth abroad, & said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: And he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

6 And he believed in the LORD, and he counted it to him for righteousness.

7 And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

8 And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

9 And he said unto him, Take the heifer of three years old, & a three-year old, & a ram of three years old, & a turtle-dove, & a young pigeon.

10 And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.

11 And when the fowle came down upon the carcases, Abram drove them away.

12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and lo, his horror of great darkness fell upon him.

13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years:

14 And also that nation whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

15 And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

16 But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.

17 And it came to passe, that when the sun went down and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between these pieces.

18 In that same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river the river Euphrates:

19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,

20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims,

21 And the Amorites, & the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *Sarai with Hagar to Abram, 6th. fleeing from her mistress, 7th sent back by an angel. 15th Ishmael is born.*

NOW Sarai Abrams wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar.

2 And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing, I pray thee, go in unto my maid: it may be that I may obtain children by her: & Abram hearkened to her voice of Sarai.

3 And Sarai Abrams wife took Hagar her maid, y Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt seven years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.

4 And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when the law that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.

5 And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong is upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when the saw y she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee.

6 But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thy hand: do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

7 And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in y way to Shur:

8 And he said, Hagar, Sarais maid, whence comest thou? and whither wilt thou go? and she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.

9 And the Angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thy self under her hands.

10 And the Angel of y LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, y it shall not be numbered for multitude.

11 And the Angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction.

12 And he will be a wilde man; his hand will be against every man, & every mans hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

13 And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thon God of childen: for she said, Have I also here dwelt after him that seeth me?

14 Wherefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; behold, it is between Kadish and Bered,

15 And Hagar bare Abram a son; and Abram called his sons name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael.

16 And Abram was fourscore and six

years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *The covenant is renewed. 5 Abrams name changed. 10 Circumcision instituted. 16 Isaac is promised.*

AND when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

3 And Abram fell on his face; and God talked with him, saying,

4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations:

5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, & I will make nations of thee; and kings shall come out of thee.

7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee, and thy seed after thee, in their generations, for an everlasting covenant; to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, y land wherein thou art a stranger, ally land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; & I will be their God.

9 And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant; therefore, thou, & thy seed after thee, in their generations,

10 This is my covenant, which ye shall keep between me, and you, and thy seed after thee; every man-child among you shall be circumcised.

11 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your fore-skin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwix me and you.

12 And he that is eight dayes old shall be circumcised among you, every man-child in your generations, he y is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.

13 He that is torn in thy house, and he y is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised; and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

14 And the uncircumcised man-child, whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people: he hath broken my covenant.

15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be.

16 And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, shall I be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety yearsold, bear?

18 And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee!

19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bare thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

20 And as for Iſhmael, I have heard thee behold, I have bleſſed him, and will make him fruitful, & will multiply him exceedingly: twelve princes ſhall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. 21 But my covenant will I eſtabliſh with Iſaac, whom Sarah ſhall bare unto thee at this ſer time in the next year.

22 And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

23 ¶ And Abraham took Iſhmael his ſon, and all that were born in his houſe, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abrahams houſe, and circumciſed the fleſh of their fore-skin, in the ſelf ſame day, as God had ſaid unto him.

24 And Abraham was ninety years old and nine when he was circumciſed in the fleſh of his fore-skin.

25 And Iſhmael his ſon was thirteen years old when he was circumciſed in the fleſh of his fore-skin.

26 In the ſelf ſame day was Abraham circumciſed, and Iſhmael his ſon.

27 And all the men of his houſe, born in the houſe, and bought with money of the ſtranger, were circumciſed with him.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Abraham entertaineth three angels. 9 Sarahs laughter. 17 Sodom deſtruction revealed. 23 Abrahams interceſſion.

And the Lord appeared unto him in the plain of Mamre: and he ſat in the tent-door in the heat of the day.

2 And he liſt up his eyes and looked, and lo, three men ſtood by him: and when he ſaw them, he ran to meet them from the tent-door, and bowed himſelf toward the ground.

3 And ſaid, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy ſight, paſſe not away, I pray thee, from thy ſervant.

4 Let a little water, I pray you, be fetcht, and waſh your feet, and reſt your ſelves under the tree.

5 And I will fetch a morſel of bread: and comfort ye your hearts; after that you ſhall paſſe on: for therefore are ye come to your ſervant. And they ſaid, So do as thou haſt ſaid.

6 And Abraham haſtened into the tent unto Sarah, and ſaid, Make ready quickly three meaſures of fine meal, knead it, & make cakes upon the hearth.

7 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he haſted to dreſſe it.

8 And he took butter and milk, and the calf which he had dreſſed, and ſet it before them; and he ſtood by them under the tree: and they did eat.

9 ¶ And they ſaid unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he ſaid, Behold, in the tent.

10 And he ſaid, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and lo, Sarah thy wife ſhall have a ſon. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behinde him.

11 And Abraham and Sarah were old, and well ſtricken in age: and it ceaſed to be & Sarah after the manner of women.

12 Therefore Sarah laughed within her ſelf, ſaying, After I am waxed old, ſhall I have pleasure, my lord being old alſo?

13 And the Lord ſaid unto Abraham, wherefore did Sarah laugh, ſaying, Shall I of a ſurety bare a child, which an old?

14 Is any thing too hard for the Lord? At the time appointed will I return unto thee, according to the time of life; and Sarah ſhall have a ſon.

15 Then Sarah denied, ſaying, I laughed not: for the waſ afraid. And he ſaid, Nay, but thou didſt laugh.

16 ¶ And the men roſe up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went & them to bring them on the way.

17 And the Lord ſaid, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

18 Seeing that Abraham ſhall ſurely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth ſhall be bleſſed in him?

19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his houſhold after him, and they ſhall keep the way of the Lord, to do juſtice and judgement: that the Lord may bring down Abraham that which he hath ſpoken of him.

20 And the Lord ſaid, Becauſe the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and becauſe their ſin is very grievous;

21 I will go down now, and ſee whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom; but Abraham ſtood yet before the Lord.

23 ¶ And Abraham drew near, and ſaid, Wilt thou alſo deſtroy the righteous with the wicked?

24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou alſo deſtroy, and not ſpare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to ſlay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous ſhould be as y wicked, that be far from thee: ſhall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

26 And the Lord ſaid, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will ſpare all the place for their ſakes.

27 And Abraham answered and ſaid, Behold, now I have taken upon me to ſpeak unto the Lord, which am but duſt and aſhes.

28 Peradventure there ſhall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou deſtroy all the city for lack of five? And he ſaid, If I find there forty and five, I will not deſtroy it.

29 And he ſpake unto him yet again, and ſaid, Peradventure there ſhall be forty found there. And he ſaid, I will not do it for forty ſake.

30 And he ſaid unto him, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will ſpeak: Peradventure there ſhall thirty be found there. And he ſaid, I will not do it, if I find thirty there.

31 And he ſaid, Behold now, I have taken upon me to ſpeak unto the Lord: Peradventure there ſhall twenty be found there. And he ſaid, I will not deſtroy it for twenty ſake.

32 And he ſaid, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will ſpeak yet once more. Peradventure ten ſhall be found there. And he ſaid, I will not deſtroy it for ten ſake.

32 And the LORD sent his angels upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being mercifull unto him; and they brought him forth.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Lot entertaineth two angels. 24 So4 and set him without the city. 25 Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed. 26 Lot's wife is punished. 31 Lots incest.

And there came two angels to Sodom. And Lot sat in the gate of neither say thou in all the plain; escape Sodom: and Lot seeing them, rose up to the mountain, lest thou be consumed. to meet them; and he bowed himself. And Lot said unto them, Oh not with his face toward the ground;

2 And he said, Behold now my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servants house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your wayes. And they said, Nay, but we will abide in the street all night.

3 And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house: and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread; and they did eat.

4 ¶ But before they lay down, the men of the city, even y men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all y people from every quarter.

5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.

6 And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,

7 And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.

8 Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them, as is good in your eyes: onely unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.

9 And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: Now will we deal worse with thee, then with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door.

10 But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.

11 And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to finde the door.

12 ¶ And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city; bring them out of this place.

13 For we will destroy this place; because the cry of them is waen great before the face of the LORD, and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.

14 And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get ye out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city: but he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.

15 ¶ And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

16 And while he lingered, the men said

upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being mercifull unto him; and they brought him forth.

17 And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.

18 And Lot said unto them, Oh not so, my Lord: Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me, and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die.

19 Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one: Oh, let me escape thither, (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.

20 And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken.

21 Hasten thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither: therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

22 ¶ The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

23 Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven.

24 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

25 ¶ But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

26 ¶ And Abraham was up early in the morning, to the place where he stood before the LORD.

27 And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and lo, the smoke of the countrey went up as the smoke of a furnace.

28 ¶ And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of y plain, that God remembered Abraham, & sent Lot out of the midst of y overthrow, when he overthrew the cities, in the which Lot dwelt.

29 ¶ And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him: for he feared to dwell in Zoar; and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.

30 And the first-born said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us, after the manner of all the earth.

31 Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

32 And they made their father drink wine that night; and the first-born went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

33 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the first-born said unto the younger, behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

10 And they made their father drink wine: y night also, and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when he lay down, nor when he arose.

11 Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.

12 And the first-born bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day.

13 And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Ben-ammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.

CHAP. XX.

1 Abraham denieth his wife, and Isoseth her. 14 Abimelech reloveth Sarah.

AND Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south-country, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar.

2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah.

3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art alive a dead man, for y woman which thou hast taken: for she is a mans wife.

4 But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, LORD, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation?

5 Said he no unto me, she is my sister? and he, even he her self said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart, and innocency of my hands have I done this.

6 An God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart: for I also withheld thee from sinning against me; therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.

7 Now therefore restore the man his wife: for he is a prophet, & he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.

8 Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore afraid.

9 Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin: thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done.

10 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing?

11 And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely y fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wives sake.

12 And yet indeed she is my sister: but she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother: and she became my wife.

13 And it came to passe, when God caused me to wander from my fathers house, that I said unto her, This is thy kindness which thou shalt shew unto me; as every place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my brother.

14 And Abimelech took sheep, and oxen, and men-servants, and women-servants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife.

15 And Abimelech said, Behold, my land is before thee; dwell where it pleaseth thee.

16 And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver: behold, he is to thee a covering of the eyes, unto all that are with thee, & with all other: thus she was reproved.

17 ¶ So Abraham prayed unto God: & God healed Abimelech, & his wife, & his maid-servants; and they bare children.

18 For the LORD had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah Abrahams wife.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Isaac is born. 9 Hagar and Ishmael are cast forth. 22 Abimelechs covenant with Abraham.

AND the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken.

2 For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the settime of which God had spoken to him.

3 And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac.

4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac, being eight dayes old, as God had commanded him.

5 And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

6 ¶ And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me.

7 And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have born him a son in his old age.

8 And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned.

9 ¶ And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking.

10 Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bond-woman, and her son: for the son of this bond-woman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac.

11 And the thing was very grievous in Abrahams sight, because of his son.

12 ¶ And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight, because of the lad, and because of thy bond-woman. In all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice: for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.

13 And also of the son of the bond-woman will I make a nation, because he is thy seed.

14 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar (putting it on her shoulder) and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

15 And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs.

16 And she went, and sat her down over against him, a good way off, as he were a bow-shot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against him, and lift up her voice, and wept.

17 And God heard the voice of the lad, and y angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not: for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is:

13 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him men; and the lad will go yonder and will be a great nation.

19 And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and the wear, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink.

20 And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.

21 And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.

22 ¶ And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech, & Philco the chief captain of his host spake unto Abraham, saying, God is with thee in all thou doest.

23 Now therefore swear unto me here by God, that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my sons son; but according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned.

24 And Abraham said, I will swear.

25 And Abraham reproved Abimelech because of a well of water, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away.

26 And Abimelech said, I was no more who hath done this thing; neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I of it but to day.

27 And Abraham took thee and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech; and both of them made a covenant.

28 And Abraham let seven ewe-lambs of the flock by themselves.

29 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What mean these seven ewe-lambs, which thou hast set by themselves?

30 And he said, For these seven ewe-lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that they may be a witness unto me, that I have digged this well.

31 Wherefore he called that place Beer-sheba; because there they swore both of them.

32 Thus they made a covenant at Beer-sheba; then Abimelech rose up, and Philco the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines.

33 ¶ And Abraham planted a grove in Beer-sheba, and called there on the name of the LORD, the overruling God.

34 And Abraham sojourned in the Philistines land many days.

CHAPTER XXII.

1 Abraham offering Isaac, is stayed by an angel. 15 He is blessed again.

20 The generations of Nahor.

And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham. And he said, Behold, here I am.

3 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt-offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

3 ¶ And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt-offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?

8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt-offering: so they went both of them together.

9 And they came to the place which God had told him of, and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

11 And the Angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham. And he said, Here am I.

12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him; for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt-offering, in the stead of his son.

14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jethyah-jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

15 ¶ And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,

16 And said, By my self have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:

17 That in blessing I will bless thee, & in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea-shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because thou hast obeyed my voice.

19 So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up, and went together to Beer-sheba, and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba.

20 ¶ And it came to pass after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, Behold Milcah, she hath also born children unto thy brother Nahor;

21 Huz his first-born, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram,

22 And Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel.

23 And Bethuel begat Rebekah: these eight Milcah did bear to Nahor, Abrahams brother.

24 And his concubine whose name was Remmah, she bare also Tebah, and Gahani, and Thahai, and Maachab.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Sarah, age and death. 2 The purchase therein were made sure unto Abraham, of Machpelah, 19 where she was buried. 3 for a possession of a burying-place, by the sons of Heth.

And Sarah was an hundred and seven years old: these were the years of the life of Sarah.

2 And Sarah died in Kirjath-arba; the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan; and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah; and to weep for her.

3 ¶ And Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spake unto the sons of Heth, saying,

4 I am a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me a possession of a burying-place with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.

5 And the children of Heth answered Abraham, saying unto him,

6 Hear in my lord; thou art a mighty prince amongst us: in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead: none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead.

7 And Abraham stood up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, even to the children of Heth.

8 And he communed with them, saying, If it be your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and in-treat for me to Ephron the son of Zohar:

9 That he may give me that cave of Machpelah, which he hath, which is in the end of his field, for as much money as it is worth he shall give it me, for a possession of a burying place amongst you.

10 And Ephron dwelt amongst the children of Heth. And Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the audience of the children of Heth, even of all that were in at the gates of his city, saying,

11 Nay, my lord, hear me: the field which I give thee, and the cave that is therein, I give thee; in the presence of the sons of my people give I it thee: bury thy dead.

12 And Abraham bowed down himself before the people of the land.

13 And he spake unto Ephron in the audience of the people of the land, saying, My lord, if thou wilt give it, I pray thee hear my voice: I will give thee money for the field; take it of me, and I will bury my dead there.

14 And Ephron answered Abraham, saying unto him,

15 My lord, hearken unto me: the land is worth four hundred shekels of silver; what is that betwixt me and thee? bury therefore thy dead.

16 And Abraham hearkened unto Ephron; and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver, which he had named in the audience of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, current money with the merchant.

17 ¶ And the field of Ephron, which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the borders round about, were made sure.

18 Unto Abraham for a possession in the presence of the children of Heth, before all that were in at the gates of his city.

19 And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah, before Mamre: the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 Abraham sendeth his servant to get a wife for his son Isaac. 2 so he cometh to Bechabab. 3 Isaac marryeth her.

And Abraham was old and well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.

2 And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh.

3 And I will make thee swear by the LORD the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites amongst whom I dwell:

4 But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.

5 And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest?

6 And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again.

7 ¶ The LORD God of heaven which took me from my fathers house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that swore unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence.

8 And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath: only bring not my son thither again.

9 And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning that matter.

10 ¶ And the servant took ten camels, of the camels of his master, and departed (for all the goods of his master were in his hand) and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nabor.

11 And he made his camels to kneel down without the city, by a well of water, at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water.

12 And he said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham.

13 Behold, I stand here by the well of water, and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water;

14 And let it come to pass, that if I dam-sell to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee; that I may drink and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thee camels drink also; let the same be the woman whom thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac: and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master.

15 ¶ And it came to pass before he had done speaking, that behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bechuel, son of Milcah, wife of Nabor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.

16 And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her; she went down to the well,

and filled her pitcher, and came up.
17 And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me (I pray thee) drink a little water of thy pitcher.

18 And she said, Drink my lord: and she halted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink.

19 And when he had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking.

20 And she halted, & emptied her pitcher into the trough, & ran again unto y well to draw water, & drew for all his camels.

21 And the man wondering at her, held his peace, to wit, whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous, or not.

22 And it came to pass as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden ear-ring, of halfa shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands, of ten shekels weight of gold;

23 And said, Whose daughter art thou? tell me, I pray thee; is there room in thy father's house for us to lodge in?

24 And she said unto him, I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bare unto Nabor:

25 She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in.

26 And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the LORD.

27 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I being in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren.

28 And the damsel ran, and told them of her mother's house these things.

29 ¶ And Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban: and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the well.

30 And it came to pass when he saw yearning and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spake the man unto me; that he came unto the man; and behold, he stood by the camels at the well.

31 And he said, Come in, thou blessed of the LORD, wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels.

32 ¶ And the man came into the house: and he ungirded his camels, and gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the mens feet that were with him.

33 And there was set meat before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And he said, Speak on.

34 And he said, I am Abraham's servant.

35 And the LORD hath blessed my master greatly, and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and men-servants, and maid-servants, and camels, and asses.

36 And Sarah my master's wife bare a son to my master when he was old: and at this call ten; after that the maid goeth unto him hath been given all that he hath.

37 And my master made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, to my master, in whose land I dwell:

38 But thou shalt go unto my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son.

39 And I said unto my master, Perad-

venture the woman will not follow me. And he said unto me, The LORD before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house.

41 Then shalt thou be clear from my oath; when thou comest to my kindred; and if they give not thee one, thou shalt be clear from my oath.

42 And I came this day unto y well, & said, O LORD God of my master Abram, if now thou do prosper my way as I go:

43 Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to passe, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw water, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink;

44 And she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels: let the same be the woman whom the LORD hath appointed out for my mistress son.

45 And before I had done speaking in mine heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the well, and drew water; and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee.

46 And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her shoulder, & said, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: so I drank, & she made the camels drink also.

47 And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter art thou? and she said, The daughter of Bethuel, Nabor's son, whom Milcah bare unto him: and I put the ear-ring upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands.

48 And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the right way, to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son.

49 And now if you will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left.

50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered & we cannot speak unto thee bad or good.

51 Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the LORD hath spoken.

52 And it came to passe, that when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the LORD, bowing himself to the earth.

53 And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rebekah; he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things.

54 And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, & tarried all night; & they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto my master.

55 And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us a few days, at the least ten; after that the maid go.

56 And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the LORD hath prospered my way: send me away, that I may go.

57 And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth.

58 And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man?

And she said, I will go.

59 And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men.

60 And they blessed Rebekah, & said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which have them.

61 ¶ And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

62 And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahai-roi; for he dwelt in the south-country.

63 And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the even-tide: and he lift up his eyes, and saw, and behold, the camels were coming.

64 And Rebekah lift up her eyes, & when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel.

65 For thus had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? and the servant had said, It is my master: therefore she took a veil and covered her self.

66 And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done.

67 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, & took Rebekah, and she became his wife: & he loved her: & Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

CHAP. XXV.

1 The sons of Abraham by Keturah. 7 His age and death. 24 The birth of Esau & Jacob. 29 Esau selleth his birth-right.

Then again Abraham took a wife, and her name was Keturah.

2 And she bare him Zimran, & Jokshan, & Medan, & Midian, & Ishbak, & Shuah.

3 And Jokshan begat Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Medan were Ashurim, and Letuhim, and Lemnimim.

4 And the sons of Midian, Ephah, and Ephier, & Hanoth, & Abidah, & Eldaah: all these were the children of Keturah.

5 ¶ And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac.

6 But unto the sons of the concubines which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son (while he yet lived) east-ward, unto the east country.

7 And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years.

8 Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, & full of years; and was gathered to his people.

9 And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is before Mamre;

10 The field which Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth: there was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife.

11 ¶ And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac: & Isaac dwelt by the well Lahai-roi.

12 ¶ Now these are the generations of Ishmael Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's hand-maid, bare unto Abraham.

13 And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael by their names, according to their generations: The first-born of Ishmael; Nebajoth, and Kedar, and Ad-beel, and Misam.

14 And Mishmah, and Dumah, and Madai, and Hadar, and Tema, Jetur, Naphith, and Kedemah.

15 These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their towns, and by their castles: twelve princes according to their nations.

17 And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, an hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost and died, and was gathered unto his people.

18 And they dwelt from Havilah unto Shur, that is before Egypt, as thou goest towards Assyria; and he died in the presence of all his brethren.

19 ¶ And these are the generations of Isaac Abraham's son: Abraham begat Isaac.

20 And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan-aram, the sister of Laban the Syrian.

21 And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

22 And the children struggled together within her; & she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of the LORD. 23 And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

24 ¶ And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

25 And the first came our, all over like an hairy garment: and they called his name Esau.

26 And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel, and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when he bare them.

27 And the boyes grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

28 And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.

29 ¶ And Jacob sold portage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint.

30 And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red portage: for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom.

31 And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birth-right.

32 And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die, and what profit shall this birth-right do me?

33 And Jacob said, I swear to thee this day. And he swore unto him; and he sold his birth-right unto Jacob.

34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and portage of leavies; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birth-right.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 Isaac goeth to Gerar. 2 God visiteth him. 26 Abimelech's covenant with him. 31 Esau's wives.

And there was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines, unto Gerar.

2 And the LORD appeared unto him, and ſaid, Go not down into Egypt, dwell in the land which I ſhall tell thee of.

3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bleſſe thee; for unto thee and unto thy ſeed I will give all theſe countreys, and I will perform the oath which I ſware unto Abraham thy father.

4 And I will make thy ſeed to multiply as the ſtars of heaven, and will give unto thy ſeed all theſe countreys: and in thy ſeed ſhall all the nations of the earth be bleſſed.

5 Becauſe that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my ſtatutes, and my laws.

6 ¶ And Iſaac dwelt in Gerar.

7 And the men of the place aſked him of his wife; and he ſaid, She is my ſiſter, for he feared to ſay, She is my wife; leſt, ſaid he, the men of the place ſhould kill me for Rebekah, becauſe ſhe was fair to look upon.

8 And it came to paſſe when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philiftines looked out at a window, and ſaw, and beheld, Iſaac was ſporting with Rebekah his wife.

9 And Abimelech called Iſaac, and ſaid, Behold, of a ſurety ſhe is thy wife; and how ſaidſt thou, She is my ſiſter? And Iſaac ſaid unto him, Becauſe I ſaid, Leſt I die for her.

10 And Abimelech ſaid, What is this thou haſt done unto us? one of the people might lightly have lien with thy wife, and thou ſhouldeſt have brought guiltineſſe upon us.

11 And Abimelech charged all his people, ſaying, He that toucheth this man or his wife, ſhall ſurely be put to death.

12 Then Iſaac ſowed in that land, and received in the ſame year an hundred-fold, and the LORD bleſſed him.

13 And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew untill he became very great.

14 For he had poſſeſſion of ſtocks, and poſſeſſion of herds, and great ſtore of ſervants. And the Philiftines envied him.

15 For all the wells which his fathers ſervants had digged in the dayes of Abraham his father, the Philiftines had ſtopped them, and filled them with earth.

16 And Abimelech ſaid unto Iſaac, Go from us: for thou art much mightier than we.

17 ¶ And Iſaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

18 And Iſaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the dayes of Abraham his father; for the Philiftines had ſtopped them after the death of Abraham, and he called their names after the names by which his father called them.

19 And Iſaacs ſervants digged in the valley, and found there a well of ſpringing water.

20 And the herdmen of Gerar did ſtrive with Iſac's herdmen, ſaying, The water is ours; and he called the name of the well Eſek, becauſe they ſtrove with him.

21 And they digged another well, and ſtrove for that alſo; and he called the name of it Sitnah.

22 And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they ſtrove not; and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he ſaid, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we ſhall be fruitful in the land.

23 And he went up from thence to Beer-ſheba.

24 And the LORD appeared unto him the ſame night, and ſaid, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bleſſe thee, and multiply thy ſeed for my ſervant Abrahams ſake.

25 And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there: and there Iſac's ſervants digged a well.

26 ¶ Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, & Phichol the chief captain of his army.

27 And Iſaac ſaid unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, ſeeing ye hate me, and have ſent me away from you?

28 And they ſaid, We ſaw certainly that the LORD was with thee: and we ſaid, Let there be now an oath betwixt us, even betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee;

29 That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have ſent thee away in peace: thou art now the bleſſed of the LORD.

30 And he made them a feaſt, and they did eat and drink.

31 And they roſe up betimes in the morning, and ſware one to another: and Iſaac ſent them away, and they departed from him in peace.

32 And it came to paſſe the ſame day, that Iſaacs ſervants came, and told him concerning the well, which they had digged, & ſaid unto him, We have found water.

33 And he called it Shebah: therefore the name of the city is Beer-ſheba unto this day.

34 ¶ And Eſau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Baſhemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite:

35 Which were a grief of minde unto Iſaac and to Rebekah.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 Iſaac ſendeth Eſau for veniſon. 6 Iſaac instructed by Rebekah obtaineth ſhe bleſſing. 41 Eſau ſwearing him, 42 is prevented.

AND it came to paſſe that when Iſaac was old, and his eyes were dim, ſo that he could not ſee, he called Eſau his eldeſt ſon, and ſaid unto him, My ſon: And he ſaid unto him, Behold, here am I.

2 And he ſaid, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death.

3 Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver, and thy bow; and go out to the field, and take me ſome veniſon:

4 And make me ſavoury meat, ſuch as I love, & bring it to me, that I may eat; that my ſoul may bleſs thee before I die.

5 And Rebekah heard when Iſaac ſpoke to Eſau his ſon; and Eſau went to the field to hunt for veniſon, and to bring it.

6 ¶ And Rebekah ſpoke unto Jacob her ſon, ſaying, Behold, I heard thy father

1. Speak unto Esau thy brother, saying,
2. Bring me venison, and make me savoury meat; that I may eat; and bleſs thee before the L O R D before my death.

3. Now therefore my ſon, obey my voice, according to that which I command thee.

9. Go now to the ſtock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them ſavoury meat for thy father; ſuch as he loveth.

10. And thou ſhalt bring it to thy father, that he may eat; and that he may bleſs thee before my death.

11. And Jacob ſaid to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am ſmooth ſkin.

12. My father peradventure will feel me, and I ſhall ſeem to him as a deceiver; and I ſhall bring a curſe upon me, and not a bleſſing.

13. And his mother ſaid unto him, Upon me be thy curſe, my ſon: onely obey my voice, and go fetch me them.

14. And he went, and ſetched, & brought them to his mother; and his mother made ſavoury meat, ſuch as his father loved.

15. And Rebekah took goodly raiment of her eldeſt ſon Esau, which were with her in the houſe, and put them upon Jacob her younger ſon:

16. And ſhe put the ſkins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the ſmooth of his neck.

17. And ſhe gave the ſavoury meat, and the bread which ſhe had prepared, into the hand of her ſon Jacob.

18. ¶ And he came unto his father, and ſaid, My father: and he ſaid, Here art thou, my ſon?

19. And Jacob ſaid unto his father, I am Esau thy firſt-born: I have done according as thou baideſt me: ariſe, I pray thee, ſit and eat of my veniſon; that thy ſoul may bleſs me.

20. And Isaac ſaid unto his ſon, How is it that thou haſt found it ſo quickly, my ſon? And he ſaid, Becauſe the LORD thy God brought it to me.

21. And Isaac ſaid unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my ſon, whether thou be my very ſon Esau, or not.

22. And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father: and he felt him, and ſaid, The voice is Jacobs voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.

23. And he diſcerned him not, becauſe his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: So he bleſſed him.

24. And he ſaid, Art thou my very ſon Esau? and he ſaid, I am.

25. And he ſaid, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my ſon's veniſon; that my ſoul may bleſs thee: and he brought it near to him, and he did eat; and he brought him wine, and he drank.

26. And his father Isaac ſaid unto him, Come near now, and kiſſe me, my ſon.

27. And he came near, and kiſſed him: and he ſmelled the ſmell of his raiment, and bleſſed him; and ſaid, See, the ſmell of my ſon is as the ſmell of a field, which the L O R D hath bleſſed.

28. Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatneſs of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine.

19. Let people ſerve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren; and let thy mother ſay, ſo bow down to thee: curſed be every one that curſeth thee, and bleſſed be he that bleſſeth thee.

30. ¶ And it came to paſſe, alſoon as Isaac had made an end of bleſſing Jacob, and Jacob was yet ſcarce gone out from the preſence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

31. And he alſo had made ſavoury meats, and brought it unto his father, and ſaid unto his father, Let my father ariſe, and eat of his ſon's veniſon; that thy ſoul may bleſſe me.

32. And Isaac his father ſaid unto him, Who art thou? And he ſaid, I am thy ſon, thy firſt-born Esau.

33. And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, & ſaid, Who was he that hath taken veniſon, and brought it to me, and I have eaten of all before thou cameſt, and have bleſſed him? yea, and he ſhall be bleſſed.

34. And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cryed with a great and exceeding bitter cry, & ſaid unto his father, Bleſſe me, even me alſo, O my father.

35. And he ſaid, Thy brother came with ſubtilty, & hath taken away thy bleſſing.

36. And he ſaid, Is not he rightſon named Jacob? for he hath ſupplanted me theſe two times: he took away my birth-right, and behold, now he hath taken away my bleſſing: and he ſaid, Haſt thou not reſerved a bleſſing for me?

37. And Isaac answered and ſaid unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and alſo his brethren have I given to him for ſervants; and with corn and wine have I ſuſtained him: and what ſhall I do now unto thee, my ſon?

38. And Esau ſaid unto his father, Haſt thou but one bleſſing, my father? bleſs me, even me alſo, O my father. And Esau liſt up his voice, and wept.

39. And Isaac his father answered, and ſaid unto him, Behold, thy dwelling ſhall be the fatneſs of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above.

40. And by thy ſword ſhalt thou live, and ſhalt ſerve thy brother: and it ſhall come to paſſe when thou ſhalt have the dominion, that thou ſhalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

41. ¶ And Esau hated Jacob, becauſe of the bleſſing wherewith his father bleſſed him: and Esau ſaid in his heart, The dayes of mourning for my father are at hand, then will I ſlay my brother Jacob.

42. And theſe words of Esau her eldeſt ſon were told to Rebekah: and the ſervant called Jacob her younger ſon, and ſaid unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himſelf, purpoſing to kill thee.

43. Now therefore, my ſon, obey my voice: and ariſe, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran.

44. And tarry with him a few dayes, untill thy brothers fury turn away;

45. Untill thy brothers anger turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou haſt done to him: then I will ſend, and fetch thee from thence. Why ſhould I be deprived alſo of my both in one day?

46. And Rebekah ſaid to Isaac, I am weary of my life, becauſe of the danger

Jacob is blessed:

Genesis. He cometh to the well of Haran.

sons of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these which are of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 Jacob is blessed, and sent to Padan-aram. 12 His vision. 13 The stone of Beth-el. 20 Jacob's vow.

And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.

2 Arise, go to Padan-aram, to the house of Bethuel thy mothers father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mothers brother.

3 And God Almighty blest thee, and make thee fruitful, & multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people:

4 And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham.

5 And Isaac sent away Jacob, and he went to Padan-aram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacobs and Esaus mother.

6 ¶ When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padan-aram, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he blessed him, he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan:

7 And that Jacob obeyed his fathers, & his mother, and was gone to Padan-aram;

8 And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father:

9 Then went Esau unto Hamael, and took unto the wives, which he had, Mahalah the daughter of Hamael Abrahams son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife.

10 ¶ And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran.

11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set: and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

12 And he dreamed, and behold, a ladder set upon the earth, & the top of it reached to heaven; and behold, the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

13 And behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land wherein thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed.

14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth; and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

15 And behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land: for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

16 ¶ And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place, and I knew it not.

17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

18 And Jacob arose up early in the morn-

ing, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oyl upon the top of it.

19 And he called the name of that place Beth-el: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.

20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on;

21 So that I come again to my fathers house in peace: then shall the LORD be my God.

22 And this stone which I have set for a pillar, shall be Gods house: and of all that thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 Jacob coming to the well of Haran, is entertained by Laban his kinsman, and loveth for Rachel; 23 is deceived with Leah, 25 but marrieth also Rachel.

Then Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of

2 And he looked, and behold, a well in the field, and lo, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it: for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone was upon the wells mouth.

3 And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the wells mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the wells mouth in his place.

4 And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence be ye? And they said, Of Haran are we.

5 And he said unto them, Know ye Laban the son of Nabor? And they said, We know him.

6 And he said unto them, Is he well? And they said, He is well: and behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep.

7 And he said, Lo, it is yet high day, neither is it time that the cattle should be gathered together: water ye the sheep, and go and feed them.

8 And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and till they roll the stone from the wells mouth: then we water the sheep.

9 ¶ And while he yet spake with them, Rachel came with her fathers sheep: for she kept them.

10 And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mothers brother, and the sheep of Laban, his mothers brother; that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the wells mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mothers brother.

11 And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept.

12 And Jacob told Rachel that he was her fathers brother, and that he was Rebekahs son: and she ran and told her father.

13 And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his sisters son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house: and he told Laban all these things.

14 And Laban said to him, Surely thou art my kinsman, and my kinsman shall abide with him the space of a month.

15 ¶ And

15 ¶ And Laban said unto Jacob, Be-
cause thou art my brother, I should
have thee serve me for nought: tell
me, what shall thy wages be?

16 And Laban had two daughters:
the name of the elder was Leah, and the
name of the younger was Rachel.

17 Leah was tender-eyed, but Rachel
was beautiful and well-favoured.

18 And Jacob loved Rachel, and said,
I will serve thee seven years for Rachel
thy younger daughter.

19 And Laban said, It is better that I
give her to thee, than that I should give
her to another man: abide with me.

20 And Jacob served seven years for
Rachel; and they seemed unto him but
a few days, for the love he had to her.

21 ¶ And Jacob said unto Laban, Give
me my wife for my dayes are fulfilled,
that I may go in unto her.

22 And Laban gathered together all
the men of the place, and made a feast.

23 And it came to passe in the evening,
he took Leah his daughter, and brought
her to him; and he went in unto her.

24 And Laban gave unto his daughter
Leah, Zilpah his maid, for an handmaid.

25 And it came to passe, that in the
morning, behold it was Leah: and he said
unto Laban, What is this thou hast done unto
me? did not I serve thee for Rachel?
wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?

26 And Laban said, It must not be so
done in our country, to give the younger
before the first-born.

27 Fulfill her week, and we will give
thee this also, for the service which thou
hast served me yet seven other years.

28 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled
her week; and he gave him Rachel his
daughter to wife also.

29 And Laban gave to Rachel his daugh-
ter Bilhah his handmaid, to be her maid.

30 And he went in also unto Rachel, and
he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and
served with him yet seven other years.

31 ¶ And when the L O R D saw that
Leah was hated, he opened her womb:
but Rachel was barren.

32 And Leah conceived and bare a
son, and she called his name Reuben: for
she said, Surely the L O R D hath looked
upon my affliction; now therefore my
husband will love me.

33 And she conceived again, and bare
a son; and said, Because the L O R D hath
heard that I was hated, he hath
therefore given me this son also: and she
called his name Simeon.

34 And she conceived again, and bare
a son; and said, Now this time will my
husband be joined unto me, because I
have born him three sons: therefore
was his name called Levi.

35 And she conceived again, and bare
a son; and she said, Now will I praise
the L O R D: therefore she called his
name Judah, and left bearing.

CHAP. XXX.

1 *Rachels barrenness.* 22 *She beareth*
Joseph. 27 *Jacobs new covenant with*
Laban. 37 *His policy to come with.*

And when Rachel saw that she bare
Jacob no children, Rachel envied
her sister, and said unto Jacob, Give me
children, or else I die.

2 And Jacob answered and said, Am I in Gods stead,
who hath withheld from thee the fruit
of the womb?

3 And she said, Behold my maid Bil-
hah, go in unto her; and she shall bear
upon my knees, that I may also have
children by her.

4 And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid
to wife: and Jacob went in unto her.

5 And Bilhah conceived, and bare
Jacob a son.

6 And Rachel said, God hath judged
me, and hath also heard my voice, and
hath given me a son: therefore called
she his name Dan.

7 And Bilhah Rachels maid conceived
again, and bare Jacob a second son.

8 And Rachel said, With great wran-
glings have I wrestled with my sister, and
I have prevailed: and she called his
name Naphtali.

9 When Leah saw that she had left
bearing, she took Zilpah her maid, and
gave her Jacob to wife.

10 And Zilpah Leahs maid bare Ja-
cob a son.

11 And Leah said, A troop cometh:
and she called his name Gad.

12 And Zilpah Leahs maid bare Ja-
cob a second son.

13 And Leah said, Happy am I, for
the daughters will call me blessed: and
she called his name Asher.

14 ¶ And Reuben went in the dayes of
wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in
the field, and brought them unto his mas-
ter Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give
me, I pray thee, of thy sons mandrakes.

15 And she said unto her, It is a small
matter that thou hast taken my husband, &
and wouldest thou take away my sons
mandrakes also? And Rachel said, There-
fore he shall lie with thee to night for thy
sons mandrakes.

16 And Jacob came out of the field in
the evening, and Leah went out to meet
him, and said, Thou must come in unto
me, for surely I have hired thee with
my sons mandrakes. And he lay with
her that night.

17 And God hearkened unto Leah, & she
conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth son.

18 And Leah said, God hath given
me mine hire, because I have given my
maiden to my husband: and she called
his name Issachar.

19 And Leah conceived again, and
bare Jacob the sixth son.

20 And Leah said, God had endued me
with a good dowry; now will my husband
dwell with me, because I have born him
six sons: and she called his name Zebulun.

21 And afterward she bare a daugh-
ter, and called her name Dinah.

22 ¶ And God remembered Rachel, & God
hearkened to her, and opened her womb.

23 And she conceived and bare a son,
and said, God hath taken away my re-
proach;

24 And she called his name Joseph:
and said, The L O R D shall add to me
another son.

25 ¶ And it came to pass when Rachel
had born Joseph, that Jacob said unto
Laban, Send me away, that I may go into
mine own place, and to my country.

16 Give me my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go; for thou knowest my service which I have done thee.

17 And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, If I have found favour in thine eyes, carry: for I have learned by experience, that the LORD hath blessed me for thy sake.

18 And he said, Appoint me thy wages, and I will give it.

19 And he said unto him, Thou knowest how I have served thee, and how thy cattel was with me.

20 For it was little which thou hadst before I came, & it is now increased unto a multitude; and the LORD hath blessed thee since my coming; and now when shall I provide for mine own house also?

21 And he said, What shall I give thee? and Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me any thing; if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed and keep thy flock:

22 I will pass thorough all thy flock to day, removing from thence all the speckled and spotted cattel, and all the brown cattel among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats; and of such shall be my hire.

23 So shall my righteousness answer for me in time to come, when it shall come for my hire before thy face: every one that is not speckled and spotted amongst the goats, and brown amongst the sheep, shall be accounted stolen with me.

24 And Laban said, Behold, I would it might be according to thy word.

25 And he removed that day the he-goats, that were ring-straked, and spotted, and all the she-goats, that were speckled and spotted, and every one that had some white in it, and all the brown among the sheep, and gave them into the hands of his sons.

26 And he set three days journey betwixt himself and Jacob; and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.

27 ¶ And Jacob took him rods of green poplar, and of the basel and chestrut-tree; and piled white strakes in them, and made the white appear which was in the rods.

28 And he set the rods which he had piled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering-troughs, when the flocks came to drink; that they should conceive when they came to drink.

29 And the flocks conceived before the rods, and brought forth cattel ring-straked, speckled, and spotted.

30 And Jacob did separate the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks toward the ring-straked, and all the brown in the flock of Laban; and he put his own flocks by themselves; and put them not unto Laban's cattel.

31 And it came to pass whensoever the stronger cattel did conceive, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the cattel in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods.

32 But when the cattel were feeble, he put them not in: so the feeble were Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's.

33 And the man increased exceedingly, and had much cattel, and maid-servants, and men-servants, and camels, and asses.

1 Jacob's departure from Laban. 21 Laban pursueth him. 43 Their covenant at Gilead.

And he heard 7 words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all 7 was our fathers; and of that which was our fathers hath he gotten all this glory.

2 And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and beheld, it was not toward him as before.

3 And the LORD said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee:

4 And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock,

5 And said unto them, I see your fathers countenance, that it is not toward me as before; but the God of my father hath been with me.

6 And ye know that with all my power I have served your father.

7 And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times: but God suffered him not to hurt me.

8 If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy wages; then all the cattel bare speckled: and if he said thus, The ring-straked shall be thy hire; then bare all the cattel ring-straked.

9 Thus God hath taken away the cattel of your father, and given them to me.

10 And it came to pass at the time that the cattel conceived, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and beheld the rams which leaped upon the cattel, were ring-straked, speckled, and grissled.

11 And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob; and I said, Here am I.

12 And he said, Lift up now thine eyes & see, all 7 rams which leap upon the cattel are ring-straked, speckled, and grissled: for I have seen all that Laban doth unto thee.

13 I am the God of Beth-el, where thou anointedst the pillar, and where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred.

14 And Rachel and Leah answered, and said unto him, There is yet any portion or inheritance for us in our fathers house?

15 Are we not counted of him strangers? for he hath sold us, and hath quite devoured also our money.

16 For all the riches which God hath taken from our father, that is ours, and our childrens: now then whatsoever God hath said unto thee, do.

17 ¶ Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon camels.

18 And he carried away all his cattel, and all his goods which he had gotten, the cattel of his getting, which he had gotten in Padan-aram; for to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan.

19 And Laban went to shear his sheep; and Rachel had stolen the images that were her fathers.

20 And Jacob stole away unawares to Laban the Syrian, in that he told him not that he fled.

21 So he fled with all that he had, and he rose up, and passed over the river, and set his face toward the mount Gilead.

22 And it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob was fled.

21 And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven dayes journey; and they overtook him in the mount Gilead.

24 And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.

25 ¶ Then Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mount; and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mount of Gilead.

26 And Laban said to Jacob, what hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, & carried away my daughters, as captives taken with the sword?

27 Wherefore didst thou flee away secretly, and steal away from me? and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth, and with songs, with tabret, and with harp?

33 And hast not suffered me to kisse my sons and my daughters? thou hast now done foolishly in so doing.

29 It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.

30 And now though thou wouldst needs be gone, because thou fore longedst after thy fathers house; yet wherefore hast thou stolen my gods?

31 And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid: for I said, Peradventure thou wouldst take by force thy daughters from me.

32 With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, let him not live: before our brethren discern thou what is thine with me, and take it to thee: for Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them.

33 And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the two maid-servants tents; but he found them not. Then went he out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent.

34 Now Rachel had taken the images, and put them in the camels furniture, and sat upon them: and Laban searched all the tent, but found them not.

35 And she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the custome of women is upon me; and he searched, but found not the images.

36 ¶ And Jacob was wroth, and chode with Laban: and Jacob answered, and said to Laban: What is my trespass? what is my sin that thou hast so hotly pursued after me?

37 Whereas thou hast searched all my stuff, what hast thou found of all thy household-stuff? set it here before my brethren and thy brethren, that they may judge betwixt us both.

38 This twenty years have I been with thee, thy ows and thy she-goats have not cast their young; and the rams of thy flock have I not eaten.

39 That which was torn of beasts, I brought not unto thee: I bare the losse of it; if my hand didst thou require it, whether stolen by day, or stolen by night.

40 Thus I was, in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night, and my sleep departed from mine eyes.

41 Thus have I been twenty years in thy house: I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters; and six years for thy cattle; and thou hast changed my wages ten times.

42 Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty: God hath seen mine affliction and the labour of my hands, and rebuked thee yesternight.

43 ¶ And Laban answered, and said unto Jacob, These daughters are my daughters, and these children are my children, and these cattle are my cattle, and all that thou seest is mine: and what can I do this day unto thee my daughters, or unto their children which they have born?

44 Now therefore come thou, let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee.

45 And Jacob took a stone, and set it up for a pillar.

46 And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather stones: and they took stones, and made an heap; and they did eat there upon the heap.

47 And Laban called it Jegar-sahaduth, but Jacob called it Galead.

48 And Laban said, This heap is a witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called Galead.

49 And Milpah: for he said, The LORD watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another.

50 If thou shalt afflict my daughters, or if thou shalt take other wives besides my daughters, no man is with us; See, God is witness betwixt me and thee.

51 And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold this pillar, which I have cast betwixt me and thee;

52 This heap be witness, and this pillar be witness, that I will not pass over this heap to thee, and that thou shalt not pass over this heap and this pillar unto me, for harm.

53 The God of Abraham, and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge betwixt us. And Jacob swore by the fear of his father Isaac.

54 Then Jacob offered sacrifice upon the mount, and called his brethren to eat bread; and they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mount.

55 And early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them: and Laban departed, and returned unto his place.

CHAP. XXXII.
1 Jacob risen. 3 His message, 13 and present to Esau. 24 Wrestling with an angel, he is called Israel.

And Jacob went on his way, and the Angels of God met him.

2 And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is Gods host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

3 And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother, unto the land of Seir, the country of Edom.

4 And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye speak unto my lord Esau: Thy servant Jacob saith thus, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed there until now;

And I have men, and asses, flocks, and men-servants, and women-servants; and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy sight.

And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau; and as he cometh to meet thee; and four hundred men with him.

Then Jacob was greatly afraid, and distressed; and he divided the people that were with him, and the flocks, and herds; and the camels into two bands;

And said, If Esau come to the one company and smite it, then the other company which is left shall escape.

And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the LORD which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee:

I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan, and now I am become two bands.

Deliver me, I pray thee, from y hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and overthrow me with the children.

And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

And he lodged there that same night; and took of that which came to his hand, a present for Esau his brother;

Two hundred the-goats & twenty he-goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams,

Thirty milch-camels with their colts, forty kine and ten bulls, twenty she-asses and ten foals.

And he delivered them into the hand of his servants, every drove by themselves; and said unto his servants, Pass over before me, and put a space betwixt drove and drove.

And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Esau my brother meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying, Whose art thou? and whither goest thou? and whose are these before thee?

Then thou shalt say, They be thy servant Jacob; it is a present sent unto my lord Esau; & behold also he is behind us.

And so commanded he the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, On this manner shall you speak unto Esau, when you find him.

And say ye moreover, Behold, thy servant Jacob is behind us; for he said, Will I please him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face: peradventure he will accept of me.

So went the present over before him: and himself lodged that night in the company.

And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two women-servants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok.

And he took them, and sent them over the brook, & sent over that he had.

And Jacob was left alone: and there wrestled a man with him, until the break of the day.

And when he saw, he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his

thigh, & the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.

And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh; and he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

And he said unto him, What is thy name? and he said, Jacob.

And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God, and with men, and hast prevailed.

And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name; and he said, Wherefore is it, that thou dost ask after my name? and he blessed him there.

And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel; for I have seen God face to face, and my life is perished.

And as he passed over Peniel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.

Therefore the children of Israel eat not of the finew which thrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh, in the finew that thrank.

CHAP. XXXIII.
The kindness of Jacob and Esau at their meeting. Esau buyeth a field, and buildeth an altar.

And Jacob lifted up his eyes, & looked, and behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men: and he divided the children unto Leah, & unto Rachel, and unto the two hand-maids.

And he put the hand-maids and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hindmost.

And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to y ground seven times, untill he came near to his brother.

And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him; and they wept.

And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who are those with thee? and he said, The children which God hath graciously given thy servant.

Then the hand-maids came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves.

And Leah also with her children came near, and bowed themselves; and after came Joseph near and Rachel, and they bowed themselves.

And he said, What meanest thou by all this drove, which I met? And he said, These are to find grace in the sight of my lord.

And Esau said, I have enough, my brother, keep that thou hast unto thyself.

And Jacob said, Nay, I pray thee: If now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God; and thou wast pleased with me.

Take I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough: & he urged him, and he took it.

And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before thee.

And he said unto him, My lord knoweth that the children are tender, and the flocks and herds with young are

with

and it men should over-drive not do this thing, to give our sister to
 the next day, all the flock will die. one that is uncircumcised: for that was

14 Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over a reproach unto us.
 before his servants: & I will lead on softly, 15 But in this will we consent unto
 according as the cartel that goeth before you: if ye will be as we are, that every
 me, and the children be able to endure; male of you be circumcised;

16 Then will we give our daughters
 untill I come unto my lord unto Seir. unto you, and we will take your daughters
 with thee some of the folk that are with 17 And we will dwell with you,
 me: And he said, What needeth it? Let and we will become one people.

18 But if ye will not hearken unto us
 to be circumcised; then will we take our
 his way unto Seir. daughters, and we will be gone.

19 And their words pleased Hamor,
 and Shechem Hamors son. and built him an house, and made booths
 for his cartel: therefore the name of the
 place is called Succoth.

20 And Jacob came to Shechem a city
 of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan-aram;
 and pitched his tent before the city.

21 And he bought a parcell of a field, 22 And he spread his tent, at the hand
 where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of Hamor Shechems fa-
 ther, for an hundred pieces of money.

23 And he erected there an altar, and
 called it El-elobe-israel.

CHAPTER XXXIV.

1 Dinah is ravished. 21 The Sheche-
 mites are circumcised; 25 slain by the
 sons of Jacob. 27 Their city spoiled.

And Dinah the daughter of Leah,
 which she bare unto Jacob, went out
 to see the daughters of the land.

2 And when Shechem the son of Ha-
 mor the Hivite prince of the countrey
 saw her, he took her, and lay with her,
 and defiled her.

3 And his soul clave unto Dinah the
 daughter of Jacob, and he loved the dam-
 sel, and spake kindly unto the damsel.

4 And Shechem spake unto his father Ha-
 mor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife.

5 And Jacob heard that he had defiled
 Dinah his daughter, (now his sons were
 with his cartel in the field) and Jacob
 held his peace untill they were come.

6 And Hamor the father of Shechem
 went out unto Jacob to commune with him.

7 And the sons of Jacob came out of
 the field when they heard it, and the men
 were grieved, and they were very wroth:
 because he had wrought folly in Israel,
 in lying with Jacobs daughter; which
 thing ought not to be done.

8 And Hamor communed with them,
 saying, The soul of my son Shechem
 longeth for your daughter: I pray you
 give her him to wife.

9 And make ye marriages with us, and
 give your daughters unto us, and take our
 daughters unto you.

10 And ye shall dwell with us, and the
 land shall be before you: dwell and trade
 you therein, & get you possessions therein.

11 And Shechem said unto her father,
 and unto her brethren, Let me find grace
 in your eyes, and what ye shall say unto
 me I will give.

12 Ask me never so much dowry & gift,
 & I will give according as ye shall say
 unto me: but give me ye damsel to wife.

13 And the sons of Jacob answered
 Shechem and Hamor his father deceit-
 fully, and said, because he had defiled
 Dinah their sister;

14 And they said unto them, We can-

not do this thing, to give our sister to
 one that is uncircumcised: for that was

15 But in this will we consent unto
 according as the cartel that goeth before you: if ye will be as we are, that every
 me, and the children be able to endure; male of you be circumcised;

16 Then will we give our daughters
 unto you, and we will take your daughters
 with thee some of the folk that are with
 me: And he said, What needeth it? Let
 me find grace in the sight of my lord.

17 But if ye will not hearken unto us
 to be circumcised; then will we take our
 daughters, and we will be gone.

18 And their words pleased Hamor,
 and Shechem Hamors son.

19 And the young man deferred not to
 do the thing, because he had delight in
 Jacobs daughter; and he was more ho-
 nourable then all the house of his father.

20 And Hamor and Shechem his son
 came unto the gate of their city, & com-
 muned with the men of their city, saying,

21 These men are peaceable with us:
 therefore let them dwell in the land, and
 trade therein: for the land, behold, is
 large enough for them: let us take their
 daughters to us for wives, and let us give
 them our daughters.

22 Openly herein will the men consene
 unto us: for to dwell with us, to be one
 people, if every male among us be cir-
 cumcised, as they are circumcised.

23 Shall neither cartel, and their sub-
 stance, and every beast of theirs be ours?
 only let us consent unto them, and they
 will dwell with us.

24 And unto Hamor and unto Shechem
 his son hearkened all that went out of
 the gate of his city: and every male was
 circumcised, all that went out of the
 gate of his city.

25 And it came to passe on the third
 day when they were fore, that two of the
 sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinahs
 brethren, took each man his sword, and
 came upon the city boldly, and slew all
 the males.

26 And they slew Hamor and Shechem
 his son with the edge of the sword, and
 took Dinah out of Shechems house, and
 went out.

27 The sons of Jacob came upon the
 slain, and spoiled the city, because they
 had defiled their sister.

28 They took their sheep, & their oxen,
 and their asses, and that which was in
 the city, and that which was in the field.

29 And all their wealth, & all their little
 ones, and their wives took they captive,
 & spoiled even all that was in the house.

30 And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi,
 Ye have troubled me to make me to stink
 among the inhabitants of the land, a-
 mongst the Canaanites, and the Perizi-
 tes: and I bring few in number, they
 shall gather themselves together against
 me, and slay me, and I shall be destroyed,
 I and my house.

31 And they said, Should we deal with
 our sister, as with an harlot?

CHAPTER XXXV.

1 God sendeth Jacob to Beth-el. 2 He
 purgeth his house of idols. 6 and
 buildeth an altar at Beth-el.

And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go
 up to Beth-el, and dwell there: and
 make there an altar unto God: for ap-

peared unto thee when thou ſteddeſt from the face of Eſau thy brother.

2 Then Jacob ſaid unto his houſhold, and to all that were with him; Put away the ſtrange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments;

3 And let us ariſe, and go up to Beth-el; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my diſtreſs, and was with me in the way which I went.

4 And they gave unto Jacob all the ſtrange gods which were in their hands, and all their ear-rings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem.

5 And they journeyed: and the terror of God was upon the cities that were round about them, and they did not purſue after the ſons of Jacob.

6 ¶ So Jacob came to Luz, which is in the land of Canaan (that is Beth-el) he and all the people that were with him.

7 And he built there an altar, and called the place El-beth-el; becauſe there God appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother.

8 But Deborah Rebekahs nurſedied, & ſhe was buried beneath Beth-el, under an oak: and the name of it was called Allon-bachuth.

9 ¶ And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Padan-aram; and bleſſed him.

10 And God ſaid unto him, Thy name is Jacob; thy name ſhall not be called any more Jacob, but Iſrael ſhall be thy name: and he called his name Iſrael.

11 And God ſaid unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful & multiply: a nation and a company of nations ſhall be of thee; & kings ſhall come out of thy loins.

12 And the land which I gave Abraham and Iſaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy ſeed after thee will I give the land.

13 And God went up from him, in the place where he talked with him.

14 And Jacob ſet up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, even a pillar of ſtone: & he poured a drink-offering thereon, & he poured oil thereon.

15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God ſpoke with him, Beth-el.

16 ¶ And they journeyed from Beth-el: and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed, and ſhe had hard labour.

17 And it came to paſs when ſhe was in hard labour, that the midwife ſaid unto her, Fear not, thou ſhalt have this ſon alſo.

18 And it came to paſs, as her ſoul was in departing (for ſhe died) that ſhe called his name Ben-oni: but his father called him Ben-jamin.

19 And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is Beth-lehem.

20 And Jacob ſet a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rachels grave unto this day.

21 And Iſrael journeyed and ſpread his tent beyond the tower of Edar.

22 And it came to paſs when Iſrael dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his fathers concubine: and Iſrael heard it. Now the ſons of Jacob were twelve.

23 The ſons of Leah: Reuben, Jacobs

firſt-born, and Simeon, and Levi, & Judah, and Iſſachar, and Zebulun.

24 The ſons of Rachel; Joſeph, and Benjamin.

25 And the ſons of Bilhah, Rachels handmaid; Dan, and Naphtali.

26 And the ſons of Zilpah, Leahs handmaid; Gad, and Aſher. Theſe are the ſons of Jacob, which were born to him in Padan-aram.

27 ¶ And Jacob came to Iſaac his father unto Maſſre, unto the city of Arbah (which is Hebron) where Abraham and Iſaac ſojourned.

28 And the daves of Iſaac were an hundred and fourſcore years.

29 And Iſaac gave up the gholt and died, and was gathered unto his people being old and full of daves: and his ſons Eſau and Jacob buried him.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 Eſaus wives. 6 His removing to mount Seir. 9 His ſons.

NOW theſe are the generations of Eſau, who is Edom.

2 Eſau took his wives of the daughters of Canaan: Adah the daughter of Elon Hittite; and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite.

3 And Baſhemath Iſhmaels daughter, ſiſter of Nebajoth.

4 And Adah bare to Eſau, Eliphaz and Baſhemath bare Reuel.

5 And Aholibamah bare Jeſh, and Jaſlam, and Korah: theſe are the ſons of Eſau, which were born unto him in the land of Canaan.

6 And Eſau took his wives and his ſons, and his daughters, and all the perſons of his houſe, and his cattel, and all his beaſts, and all his ſubſtance, which he had got in the land of Canaan; and went into the country, from the face of his brother Jacob.

7 For their riches were more then that they might dwell together: and the land wherein they were ſtrangers, could not bear them, becauſe of their cattel.

8 Thus dwelt Eſau in mount Seir: Eſau is Edom.

9 ¶ And theſe are the generations of Eſau, the father of the Edomites in mount Seir.

10 Theſe are the names of Eſaus ſons; Eliphaz the ſon of Adah the wife of Eſau, Reuel the ſon of Baſhemath the wife of Eſau.

11 And 7 ſons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz.

12 And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Eſaus ſon, & ſhe bare to Eliphaz Amalek: theſe were the ſons of Adah, Eſaus wife.

13 And theſe are the ſons of Reuel: Nahath, and Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah: theſe were the ſons of Baſhemath Eſaus wife.

14 ¶ And theſe were the ſons of Aholibamah, the daughter of Adah, the daughter of Zibeon Eſaus wife: and ſhe bare to Eſau, Jeſh, and Jaſlam and Korah.

15 ¶ Theſe were dukes of the ſons of Eſau: the ſons of Eliphaz the firſt-born ſon of Eſau; Duke Teman, Duke Omar, Duke Zepho, Duke Kenaz,

16 Duke Korah, Duke Gatam, and Duke Amalek: Theſe are the dukes that

seem of Edom, in the land of Edom: these were the sons of Adah.

17 ¶ And these are the sons of Reuel Esau's son; Duke Nahath, Duke Zerah, Duke Shuman, Duke Mizrah: These are the dukes that came of Reuel, in the land of Edom, these are the sons of Basemath Esau's wife.

18 ¶ And these are the sons of Abolibamah Esau's wife; Duke Jeush, Duke Jaalam, Duke Korah: these were the dukes that came of Abolibamah the daughter of Anah Esau's wife.

19 These are the sons of Esau (who is Edom) and these are their dukes.

20 ¶ These are the sons of Seir the Horite, who inhabited the land; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah;

21 And Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan: these are the dukes of the Horites, the children of Seir in the land of Edom.

22 And 7 children of Lotan were Hori, & Heman: and Lotan's sister was Timna.

23 And the children of Shobal were these; Alvan, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shepho, and Onam.

24 And these are 7 children of Zibeon; both Ajah, and Anah: his was that Anah, that found the asses of Zibeon his father, as he fed the asses of Zibeon his father.

25 And the children of Anah were these; Dishon, and Abolibamah the daughter of Anah.

26 And these are the children of Dishon; Hemdan, and Eshban, and Ichran, and Cheran.

27 The children of Ezer are these; Bilhan, and Zaavan, and Achan.

28 The children of Dishan are these; Uz, and Aran.

29 These are the dukes that came of the Horites; duke Lotan, duke Shobal, duke Zibeon, duke Anah.

30 Duke Dishon, duke Ezer, duke Dishan: these are the dukes that came of Hori, among their dukes in the land of Seir.

31 ¶ And these are the kings 7 reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the children of Israel.

32 And Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom: and the name of his city was Dinhabah.

33 And Beladiah, and Tobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead.

34 And Jobab died, and Husham of the land of Teman reigned in his stead.

35 And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bead (who throve Midian in the field of Moab) reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Avith.

36 And Hadad died, and Samlah of Malreiah reigned in his stead.

37 And Samlah died, and Saul of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his stead.

38 And Saul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead.

39 And Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died, and Hidar reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Pau; and his wives name was Meherabel, the daughter of Marred, the daughter of Mezahab.

40 And these are the names of the dukes that came of Esau, according to their families, after their places, by their names; Duke Timnah, duke Alvan, duke Jetheth,

41 Duke Abolibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon,

42 Duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar.

43 Duke Magdiel, duke Iram: these be 7 dukes of Edom, according to their habitations, in the land of their possession; he is Esau the father of the Edomites.

CHAP. XXXVII.

2 Joseph was hated of his brethren. 3 His two dreams. 13 His brethren conspire his death. 36 He is sold to Potiphar in Egypt.

AND Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan.

2 These are the generations of Jacob; Joseph being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren, and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his fathers wives; and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.

4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

5 ¶ And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren; and they hated him yet the more.

6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed.

7 For behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.

8 And his brethren said unto him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? and they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

9 ¶ And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more, and behold, the sun and the moon, and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.

10 And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: & his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down our selves to thee, to 7 earth?

11 And his brethren envied him: but his father observed the saying.

12 ¶ And his brethren went to feed their fathers flock in shechem.

13 And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed the flock in shechem? Come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said unto him, Here am I.

14 And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to shechem.

15 ¶ And a certain man found him, and beheld, he was wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou?

16 And he said, I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed their flocks.

17 And the man said, They are departed hence : for I heard them say ; Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan.

18 And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him, to slay him.

19 And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh :

20 Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit ; and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him ; and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

21 And Reuben heard it ; and he delivered him out of their hands, and said, Let us not kill him.

22 And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him ; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again.

23 ¶ And it came to passe when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stripped Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him.

24 And they took him, and cast him into a pit : and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

25 And they sat down to eat bread : and they lift up their eyes and looked, and behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead, with their camels bearing spicery, and balm, and myrrhe, going to carry it down to Egypt.

26 And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood ?

27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him ; for he is our brother, and our flesh : and his brethren were content.

28 Then there passed by Midianites merchant men ; and they drew and lift up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver : & they brought Joseph into Egypt.

29 ¶ And Reuben returned unto the pit ; and behold, Joseph was not in the pit ; and he rent his clothes.

30 And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child is not ; and I, whether shall I go ?

31 And they took Josephs coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood.

32 And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their fathers ; and said, This have we found : know now whether it be thy sons coat, or no.

33 And he knew it, and said, It is my sons coat : an evil beast hath devoured him ; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces.

34 And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

35 And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him ; but he refused to be comforted : and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son, mourning. Thus his father wept for him.

36 And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Josephar, an officer of Pharaohs, and captain of the guard.

Judah begitteth Er, Onan, and Shelah. 6 Er marrieth Tamar. 8 The trespass of Onan.

And it came to passe at that time, that Judah went down from his brethren, and turned in to a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah.

2 And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Shuah, whose name was Shuah, and he took her, and went in unto her :

3 And she conceived and bare a son ; and he called his name Er.

4 And she conceived again, and bare a son ; and he called his name Onan.

5 And they again conceived, and bare a son ; and called his name Shelah : and he was a Chetizib, when he bare him.

6 And Judah took a wife for Er his first-born, whose name was Tamar.

7 And Er, Judahs first-born, was wicked in the sight of the LORD ; and the LORD slew him.

8 And Judah said unto Onan, Go in unto thy brothers wife, and marry her, and raise up seed to thy brother.

9 And Onan knew that the seed should not be his ; and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brothers wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lest that he should give seed to his brother.

10 And the thing which he did, displeased the LORD : wherefore he slew him also.

11 Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter in law, Remain a widow at thy fathers house, till Shelah my son be grown : (for he said, Lest peradventure he die also as his brethren did) and Tamar went and dwelt in her fathers house.

12 ¶ And in process of time, the daughter of Shuah Judahs wife died : and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his sheeph-thearers to Timnath, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.

13 And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold, thy father in law goeth up to Timnath, to hear his sheep.

14 And she put her widows garments off from her, and covered her with a veil, and wrapped her self, and sat in an open place, which is by the way to Timnath ; for the saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given unto him to wife.

15 ¶ When Judah saw her, he thought her to be an harlot ; because she had covered her face.

16 And he returned unto her by the way, and said, Go to ; I pray thee, let me come in unto thee (for he knew not that she was his daughter in law) and she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me ?

17 And he said, I will send thee a kid from the flock ; and she said, Wilt thou give me a pledge, till thou send it ?

18 And he said, What pledge shall I give thee ? And she said, Thy signet, and thy bracelets, and thy staff that is in thine hand ; and he gave it her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him.

19 And she arose and went away, and said by her vail from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood.

20 And Judah sent the kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive his pledge from the womans hand : but he found her not.

¶ Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where is the harlots, that was committed all that he hath to any hand, openly by the wayes fide? and they said, There was no harlot in this place.

23 And he returned to Judah, and said, thing from me, but thee; because thou
I cannot finde her; and also the men of my wife: how then can I do this
the place said, That there was no harlot or great wickedness, and sin against God?
in this place.

23 And Judah said, I let her take it to Joseph day by day, that he might see her, lest we be blamed: behold, I sent unto her, to tell her, or to be with her, this kid, and thou hast not found her. 24 And it came to pass about this

24 ¶ And it came to passe about threthretime, that Ioseph went into the house to moneths after, that it was told Iudah, of his business, and there was none of saying, Tamar thy daughter in law hath the men of the house therewithin.

played the harlot, and also behold, she is 12 And she caught him by his garments, with child by whoredoms: and Judah saying, Live I mer: and he left his garments said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt in her hand, and fled, and got him one.

15 When he was brought forth, &c. 13 And it came to passe, when she saw sent to her father in law, saying, By the which he had left his garment in her hand, man whose these are, am I with child; & and was fled forth,

26 And Judah acknowledged *them*, and he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to

20 And Judah acknowledged her, and he hath brought in all his brethren unto his father. And he said, She hath bene more righteous than mock us: he came in unto me to lie with her; because that I gave her not to Shelahme, and I cried with a loud voice. My son: and he knew her again no more. 21 And it came to pass, when he heard

27 ¶ And it came to passe in the time that I lifted up my voice and cried, that of her travail, that behold, twins ~~were~~ ^{was} she left his garment with me, and fled, in her womb, and got him our

18 And it came to pass when she travailed, that the one put out his hand, and the other, untill her lord came home.

midwife took and bound upon his hand a 17 And she spake unto him, according
feareth thee, saying, This came our first, to these words, saying, The Hebrew fer-
29 And it came to pass as he drew back want which thou hast brought unto us,

27 And it came to pass as he drew back, that which thou hast brought unto us, his hand, that behold, his brother came in unto me to mock me, out; and he said, How hast thou broken 18 And it came to pass, as I lift up forth? this breach be upon thee: there my voice, and cried, that he left his

30 And afterward came out his brother that had the scarlet thread upon his ear heard the words of his wife, which

CHAP. XXXIX.
Joseph advanced in Potiphar's house.

7 **And Joseph** advanced **in Potiphar's house**, **where** **he** **was** **appointed**. **And** **Joseph** **refused** **his** **master's** **temptation**, **13** **And** **Joseph's** **master** **took** **him**, **and** **put** **him** **into** **the** **prison**, **a** **place** **where** **the** **king's** **prisoners** **were** **bound**; **and** **he**

And Joseph was brought down to E- the king's prisoners were bound; and he
Egypt; and Potiphar an officer of Pha- was there in the prison.
raoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, 21 ¶ But the LORD was with Joseph;
bought him of the hands of the Ishme- & shewed him mercy, & gave him favour

22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners

3 And his master saw that the LORD was with him; and that the LORD made

4 And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him ~~to~~ ²³ the keeper of the prison looked not to any thing ~~that was~~ under his hand; because the LORD ~~was~~ with him; and ~~that~~ ²⁴ he did the LORD made it to prosper

1 The butler and baker of Pharaoh are imprisoned: a Joseph both charges and

ANd it came to passe from the time
that he had made him overseer in his
house, and overall that he had, that the
LORD blessed the Egyptians house for

1 And as the outlet of the king of Egypt, Joseph's sake: and the blessing of the king of Egypt.

6 And he left all that he had in Jo- of his officers, against the chief of the bur-
seph's hand; and he knew not ought he- lers, and against the chief of the bakers.
had, save the bread which he did eat. 3 And he put them in ward in the

And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph was bound.

4 And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them; and they continued a season in ward.

But he refused, and said unto his men, and they continued a season to warn.
 His wife, Behold, my master weepeth not: **§ ¶** And they dreamed a dream both of them,

them, each man his dream in one night; each man according to the interpretation of his dream; the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, which were bound in the prison.

6 And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and behold they were sad.

7 And he asked Pharaoh's officers that were with him in the ward of his lords house, saying, wherefore look ye so sadly to day?

8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations be long to God? tell me them, I pray you.

9 And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said unto him, In my dream, behold, a vine was before me:

10 And in the vine were three branches; and it was as though it budded, and her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes.

11 And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup: and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.

12 And Joseph said unto him, This is the interpretation of it: The three branches are three days;

13 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place, and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler.

14 But think on me when it shall be well with thee, & shew kindness: I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house.

15 For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.

16 When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, I also was in my dream, & behold, I had three white baskets on my head.

17 And in the uppermost basket there was of all manner of bake-meats for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head.

18 And Joseph answered, and said, This is the interpretation thereof: the three baskets are three days;

19 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree, and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee.

20 ¶ And it came to pass the third day, which was Pharaoh's birth-day, that he made a feast unto all his servants, and he lifted up the head of the chief butler, & of the chief baker among his servants.

21 And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand:

22 But he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them.

23 Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him.

CHAP. XLII.

1 Pharaoh two dreams. 9 Joseph interpretest them. 19 He giveth Pharaoh counsel. 25 Joseph is advanced. 30 He revealeth himself and Ephraim.

And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed, and behold he stood by the river.

2 And behold, there came up out of the river seven well-favoured kine, and fat-fleshed; and they fed in a meadow.

3 And behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill-favoured, and lean-fleshed; and stood by the other kine, upon the brink of the river.

4 And the ill-favoured and lean-fleshed kine, did eat up the seven well-favoured and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke.

5 And he slept and dreamed the second time: and behold, seven ears of corn came upon one stalk, rank and good.

6 And behold, seven thin ears and blasted with the east-wind sprang up after them.

7 And the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank and full ears: and Pharaoh awoke; and behold, it was a dream.

8 And it came to pass in the morning, that his spirit was troubled; and he sent & called for all the magicians of Egypt, & all the wise-men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

9 ¶ Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day.

10 Pharaoh was wroth with his servants, and put me in ward in the captain of the guards house, both me, and the chief baker.

11 And we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he: we dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream.

12 And there was there with us a young man, an Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard: and we told him; and he interpreted to us our dreams, to each man according to his dream he did interpret.

13 And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was, me he restored unto mine office, and him he hanged.

14 ¶ Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: And he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh.

15 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream, to interpret it.

16 And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.

17 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the river.

18 And behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fat-fleshed and well-favoured; and they fed in a meadow.

19 And behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill-favoured, and lean-fleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness.

20 And the lean and the ill-favoured kine did eat up the first seven fat kine.

21 And when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they were still ill-favoured, as at the beginning: So I awoke.

22 And I saw in my dream, and be-

hold,

hold, seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good.

23 And behold, seven ears withered, thin, and blasted with the east-wind, sprung up after them.

24 And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears: and I told *this* unto the magicians; but *there was* none that could declare it unto me.

25 ¶ And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one; God hath shewed Pharaoh, what he is about to do.

26 The seven good kine are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years: the dream is one.

27 And 7 seven thin & ill-favoured kine came up after them; are seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with 7 east-wind shall be seven years of famine.

28 This is the thing, which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: what God is about to do, he sheweth unto Pharaoh.

29 Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt.

30 And there shall at life after them seven years of famine, and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land.

31 And the plenty shall not be known in the land, by reason of that famine following: for it shall be very grievous.

32 And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice, it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to passe.

33 Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discrete and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

34 Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years.

35 And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities.

36 And that food shall be for store to the land, against 7 seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine.

37 ¶ And y^e thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, & in the eyes of all his servants.

38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we finde such a one as this is, a man in whom the spirit of God is?

39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discrete and wise as thou art.

40 Thou shalt be over my house, and that there is corn in Egypt: yet you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die.

41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

42 And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Josephs hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck.

43 And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had: & they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt.

44 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.

47 And Pharaoh called Josephs name Zaphnath-paaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Poti-pharah, priest of On; and Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.

46 ¶ And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

47 And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls.

48 And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field which was round about every city, laid he up in the same.

49 And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbring: for it was without number.

50 And unto Joseph were born two sons, before the years of famine came: which Asenath, the daughter of Poti-pharah, priest of On, bare unto him.

51 And Joseph called the name of the first-born Manasse: for God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my fathers house.

52 And the name of the second called he Ephraim: for God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

53 ¶ And the seven years of plenteousness that was in the land of Egypt, were ended.

54 And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said; and the dearth was in all lands: but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

55 And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph: what he saith unto you, do.

56 And the famine was over all the face of the earth; and Joseph opened all the store-houses, and sold unto the Egyptians: and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt.

57 And all the countrey came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn: because that the famine was so sore in all lands.

CHAP. XLII.

1 Jacob sendeth his ten sons to buy corn in Egypt. 6 They are imprisoned by Joseph for spies.

Now when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, why do ye look one upon another?

2 And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: yet you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die.

3 ¶ And Josephs ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt.

4 But Benjamin, Josephs brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren: for he said, Lest peradventure mischief befall him.

5 And the sons of Israel came to buy corn among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

6 And Joseph was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land: and Josephs brethren came; and bowed down themselves before him, with their faces to the earth.

7 And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto

Simon is kept for a pledge. *Genesis, Jacob hardly persuaded to send Benjamin.*
unto them, and spake roughly unto them; father, unto the land of Canaan, and told
and he said unto them, Whence come ye? him all that befell unto them, saying,
and they said, From the land of Canaan. *30* The man *who is* the lord of the land,
to buy food. spake roughly to us, and took us for
spies of the country.

8 And Joseph knew his brethren; but they knew not him.

9 And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, *Ye are spies*; to see the nakedness of the land you are come.

10 And they said unto him, Nay my lord, but to buy food are thy servants come.

11 *We are* all one mans sons; *we are* true men; thy servants are no spies.

12 And he said unto them, Nay, but to see the nakedness of the land you are come.

13 And they said, Thy servants *are* twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not.

14 And Joseph said unto them, That is it: *I* spake unto you, saying, *Ye are* spies.

15 Hereby ye shall be proved: by *y* life of Pharaoh ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither.

16 Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether there be any truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely *ye are* spies.

17 And he purthem all together in ward, three days.

18 And Joseph said unto them the third day, This do, and live: for *I* fear God.

19 If ye be true men, let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison: go ye, carry corn for the famine of your houses.

20 But bring your youngest brother unto me: so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so.

21 ¶ And they said one to another, *We are* verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us; and we would not hear: therefore is this distress come upon us.

22 And Reuben answered them, saying, Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear: therefore behold also, his blood is required.

23 And they know not that Joseph understood them: for he spake unto them by an interpreter.

24 And he returned himself about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Simon, and bound him before their eyes.

25 ¶ Then Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn, and to restore every mans money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus did he unto them.

26 And they laden their asses with the corn, and departed thence.

27 And as one of them passed his sack to give his ass provender, he found he espied his money: for he had put it in his sacks mouth.

28 And he said unto his brethren, My money is restored, and lo, it is even in my sack: and their heart failed them, and they were afraid, saying one to another, What can this be? God hath done unto us.

29 ¶ And they came unto Jacob their father, and said, We will be surety for him: if I bring him not unto

31 And we said unto him, *We are* true men; we are no spies.

32 We be twelve brethren, sons of our father: one is not, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan.

33 And the man the lord of the country said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye are true men; leave one of your brethren here with me, and take food for the famine of your households, and begone.

34 And bring your youngest brother unto me: then shall I know that you are no spies; but that you are true men: so will I deliver your brother; and ye shall traffick in the land.

35 ¶ And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that behold, every mans bundle of money was in his sack: and when both they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid.

36 And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Simon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me.

37 And Reuben spake unto his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again.

38 And he said, My son shall not go down with you: for his brother is dead, and he is left alone: if mischief befall him by the way in the which ye go, then shall ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

CHAP. XLIII.

1 Jacob is hardly persuaded to send Benjamin. *15* Joseph entertains his brethren. *31* and stalketh them.

And the famine was sore in the land.

2 And it came to pass when they had eaten up *y* corn which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said unto them, Go again, and buy us a little food.

3 And Judah spake unto him, saying, The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you.

4 If thou wilt send our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food.

5 But if thou wilt not send him, we will not go down: for the man said unto us, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you.

6 And Israel said, Wherefore deal ye so ill with me, as to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother?

7 And they said, The man asked us straitly of our state, and of our kindreds, saying, Is your father yet alive? have ye another brother? and we told him according to the tenor of these words. Could we certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down?

8 And Judah said unto Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live and not die: and their heart failed them, and they were afraid, saying one to another, What can this be? God hath done unto us.

9 I will be surety for him: of my hand

unto thee, and set him before thee; then let me bear the blame for ever.

10 For except we had lusted, surely now we had returned this second time.

11 And their father Israel said unto them, If it must be so now, do this; take of the best fruits of the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrhe, nuts, and almonds.

12 And take double money in your hand; and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry it again in your hand; peradventure it will be an oversight.

13 Take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man.

14 And God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin; If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.

15 ¶ And the men took that present, & they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to Egypt; and stood before Joseph.

16 And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring these men home, and slay, and make ready: for these men shall dine with me at noon.

17 And the man did as Joseph bade: and the man brought the men into Joseph's house.

18 And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, Because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time, are we brought in, that he may seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bond-men, and our asses.

19 And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they communed with him at the door of the house.

20 And said, O sir, we came indeed down at the first time to buy food.

21 And it came to passe when we came to the inn, that we opened our sacks, and behold, every mans money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight; and we have brought it again in our hand.

22 And other money have we brought down in our hands to buy food; we cannot tell who put our money in our sacks.

23 And he said, Peace be to you, fear not; your God and the God of your father hath given you treasure in your sacks: I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them.

24 And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave them water, and they washed their feet, and he gave their asses provender.

25 And they made ready the present against Joseph came at noon: for they heard that they should eat bread there.

26 ¶ And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed themselves to him to the earth.

27 And he asked them of their welfare, and said, Is your father well, the old man of whom ye spake? Is he yet alive?

28 And they answered, Thy servant our father is in good health, he is yet alive: and they bowed down their heads, and made obeisance.

29 And he lift up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mothers son, and said, Is this your younger brother, of whom ye spake unto me? and he said, God be gracious unto thee my son.

30 And Joseph made haste; for his bowels did yearn upon his brother; and he sought where to weep, and he entered into his chamber, and wept there.

31 And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained himself, and said, Set on bread.

32 And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, which did eat with him, by themselves; because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that is an abomination unto the Egyptians.

33 And they sat before him; the first-born according to his birth-right, and the youngest according to his youth; and the men marvelled one at another.

34 And he took and sent vessels unto them from before him: but Benjamin's messe was five times so much as any of theirs. And they drank, and were merry with him.

CHAP. XLIV.

1 Joseph's policie to stay his brethren.

14 Judah's humble supplication to Joseph.

And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill ye men sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put every mans money in his sacks mouth.

2 And put my cup, the silver cup in the sacks mouth of the youngest, and his corn-money; and he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken.

3 As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their asses.

4 And when they were gone out of the city, and not yet far off, Joseph said unto his steward, Up, follow after the men; and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good?

5 Is not this it, in which my lord drinketh? and whereby indeed he divineth? ye have done evil in so doing.

6 ¶ And he overtook them, and he spake unto them these same words.

7 And they said unto him, where ore saith my lord these words? God forbid that thy servants should do according to this thing.

8 Behold, the money which we found in our sacks mouths, we brought again unto thee out of the land of Canaan: how then should we steal out of thy lords house silver or gold?

9 With whomsoever of thy servants it be found, he shall let him die, and we also will be my lords bondmen.

10 And he said, Now also let it be according unto your words; he with whom it is found shall be my servant; and ye shall be blameless.

11 Then they speedily took down every mans sack to the ground, and opened every mans sack.

12 And he searched, and began at the eldest, and left at the youngest; and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack.

13 Then they rent their clothes, & laden every man his ass, & returned to the city.

14 ¶ And Judah and his brethren came

to Josephs house (for he was yet there,) and they fell before him on the ground.

15 And Joseph said unto them, what deed is this that ye have done? wot ye not, that such a man as I can certainly divine?

16 And Judah said, what shall we say unto my lord? what shall we speak? for how shall we clear our selves? God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants: behold, we are my lords servants, both we, and he also with whom the cup is found.

17 And he said, God forbid that I should do so: but the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant: and as for you, get you up in peace unto your father.

18 ¶ Then Judah came near unto him, and said, Oh my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lords ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant: for thou art even as Pharaoh.

19 My lord asked his servants, saying, Have ye a father, or a brother?

20 And we said unto my lord, we have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one: and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loveth him;

21 And thou saidst unto thy servants, Bring him down unto me, that I may set mine eyes upon him,

22 And we said unto my lord, The lad cannot leave his father: for if he should leave his father, his father would die.

23 And thou saidst unto thy servants, Except your youngest brother come down with you, you shall see my face no more.

24 And it came to pass, when we came up unto thy servant my father, we told him the words of my lord.

25 And our father said, Go again, and buy us a little food.

26 And we said, We cannot go down: for our youngest brother be with us, then will we go down: for we may not see the mans face, except our youngest brother be with us.

27 And thy servant my father said unto us, Ye know that my wife bare me two sons:

28 And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I saw him not since;

29 And if ye take this also from me, and mischief befall him, ye shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

30 Now therefore when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad be not with us (seeing that his life is bound upon the lads life)

31 It shall come to pass, when he seeth that the lad is not with us, that he will die; and thy servants shall bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to the grave.

32 For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the blame to my father for ever.

33 Now therefore, I pray thee, let thy servant abide in stead of the lad, a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren.

34 For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me? lest peradventure I see the evil that shall come on my father,

1 Joseph revealeth himself to his brethren: 9 sendeth for his father; 25 who is revived with the news.

Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me; and there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.

2 And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians, and the house of Pharaoh heard.

3 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? and his brethren could not answer him: for they were troubled at his presence.

4 And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you: and they came near: and he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.

5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you, to preserve life.

6 For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest.

7 And God sent me before you, to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

8 So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

9 Haste you, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt; come down unto me, tarry not.

10 And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy childrens children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast.

11 And there will I nourish thee (for yet there are five years of famine) lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty.

12 And behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaketh unto you.

13 And you shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that you have seen, and ye shall haste, and bring down my father hither.

14 And he fell upon his brother Benjamins neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck.

15 Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.

16 ¶ And the same thereof was heard in Pharaohs house, saying, Josephs brethren are come: and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants.

17 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye; lade your beasts, and go, get you to the land of Canaan,

18 And take your father, and your households, and come unto me: and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the land.

19 Now thou art commanded, this do ye, take you wives out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives

wives, and bring your father, and come.
20 Also regard not your stuff: for the good of all the land of Egypt is yours.

21 And the children of Israel did so: And Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way.

22 To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment: but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver, and five changes of raiment.

23 And to his father he sent after this manner; ten asses laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten she-asses laden with corn and bread and meat for his father by the way.

24 So he sent his brethren away, and they departed: and he said unto them, See that ye fall not out by the way.

25 ¶ And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father,

26 And told him, saying, Joseph is yet alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. And Jacobs heart failed, for he believed them not.

27 And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived.

28 And Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.

CHAP. XLVI.

1 Jacob comforted by God at Beer-sheba, 3 goeth toward Egypt. 8 The number of his family. 28 Joseph meeteth him.

And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beer-sheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac.

2 And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I.

3 And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation:

4 I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.

5 And Jacob rose up from Beer-sheba: and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him.

6 And they took their cattle, and their goods which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him:

7 His sons, and his sons sons with him, his daughters, and his sons daughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt.

8 ¶ And these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacobs first born.

9 And the sons of Reuben; Hanoch, and Phallu, and Hezron, and Carmi.

10 ¶ And the sons of Simeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Saul the son of a Canaanitish woman.

11 ¶ And the sons of Levi; Gerson, Kohath, and Merari.

12 ¶ And the sons of Judah; Er, Onan, and Shelah, and Pharez, and Zerah: but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Pharez, were Hezron and Hamul.

13 ¶ And the sons of Issachar; Tola, and Phuvah, and Job, and Shimron.

14 ¶ And the sons of Zebulun; Seread, and Elon, and Tahleel.

15 These be the sons of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob in Padan-aram, with his daughter Dinah: all the souls of his sons and his daughters, were thirty and three.

16 ¶ And the sons of Gad; Ziphion, and Haggai, Shuni, and Ezbon, Eri, and Arodi, and Areli.

17 ¶ And the sons of Asher; Jimnah, and Ithuah, and Iliui, and Beriah, and Serah their sister: and the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel.

18 These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter: & these the bare unto Jacob seven sixteen souls.

19 The sons of Rachel Jacobs wife, Joseph, and Benjamin.

20 And unto Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, which Asenath the daughter of Potiphar priest of On bare unto him.

21 ¶ And the sons of Benjamin were Belah, and Becher, and Albel, Gera, and Naaman, Ehi, and Rohi, Muppim, and Huppim, and Ard.

22 These are the sons of Rachel, which were born to Jacob: all the souls were fourteen.

23 ¶ And the sons of Dan; Hushim.

24 ¶ And the sons of Naphthali; Jahzeel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shilem.

25 These are the sons of Bilhah, which Laban gave unto Rachel his daughter, and the bare these unto Jacob: all the souls were seven.

26 All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his loins, besides Jacobs sons wives, all the souls were threescore and six.

27 And the sons of Joseph which were born him in Egypt, were two souls: all the souls of the house of Jacob, came into Egypt, were threescore and ten.

28 ¶ And he sent Judah before him unto Joseph, to direct his face unto Gothen; and they came into the land of Gothen.

29 And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Gothen; and presented himself unto him: and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while.

30 And Israel said unto Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou art yet alive.

31 And Joseph said unto his brethren, and unto his fathers house, I will go up, and shew Pharaoh, and say unto him, My brethren, and my fathers house, which were in the land of Canaan, are come unto me:

32 And the men are shepherds, for their trade hath been to feed cattle; and they have brought their flocks and their herds, and all that they have.

33 And it shall come to pass when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What is your occupation?

34 Thine shall say, Thy servants trade hath been about cattle, from our youth even

even untill now, both we and also our fathers: that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians.

CHAP. XLVII.

Joseph bringeth his brethren, 7 and father before Pharaoh. 11 He giveth them habitation and maintenance.

Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and behold, they are in the land of Goshen.

2 And he took some of his brethren, even five men, and presented them unto Pharaoh.

3 And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, What is your occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh, Thy servants are shepherds, both we and also our fathers.

4 They said moreover unto Pharaoh, For to sojourn in the land are we come: for thy servants have no pasture for their flocks, for the famine is sore in the land of Canaan; now therefore we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Goshen.

5 And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee:

6 The land of Egypt is before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell, in the land of Goshen let them dwell: and if thou knowest any man of activity amongst them, then make them rulers over my cattle.

7 And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

8 And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, How old art thou?

9 And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The dayes of the years of my pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the dayes of the years of my life been, & have not attained unto the dayes of the years of the life of my fathers in the dayes of their pilgrimage.

10 And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

11 ¶ And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded.

12 And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his fathers household with bread, according to their families.

13 ¶ And *there was* no bread in all the land: for the famine was very sore, so that the land of Egypt and all the land of Canaan fainted by reason of the famine.

14 And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaohs house.

15 And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, & said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth.

16 And Joseph said, Give your cattle, and I will give you for your cattle, if money fail.

17 And they brought their cattle unto

Joseph: and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the asses; and he fed them with bread for all their cattle, for that year.

18 When that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him, We will not hide it from my lord, how that our money is spent, my lord also hath our herds of cattle; there is not ought left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands:

19 Wherefore shall we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Pharaoh: and give us seed, that we may live and not die, that the land be not desolate.

20 And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaohs.

21 And as for the people, he removed them to cities from one end of the borders of Egypt, even to the other end thereof.

22 Only the land of the priests bought he not: for the priests had a portion assigned them of Pharaoh, & did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them; wherefore they sold not their lands.

23 Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day, and your land for Pharaoh: Lo, here is seed for you, and ye shall sow the land.

24 And it shall come to passe in the increase, that you shall give the fifth part unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones.

25 And they said, Thou hast saved our lives: let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaohs servants.

26 And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt unto this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth part; except the land of the priests only, which became not Pharaohs.

27 ¶ And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt in the countrey of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly.

28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so the whole age of Jacob was an hundred forty and seven years.

29 And the time drew nigh that Israel must die: and he called his son Joseph, and said unto him, I now have found grace in thy sight, put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me; bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt:

30 But I will lie with my fathers, and thou shalt carry me out of Egypt, and bury me in their burying-place. And he said, I will do as thou hast said.

31 And he said, Swear unto me: and he swore unto him. And Israel bowed himself upon the beds head.

CHAP. XLVIII.

Joseph visiteth his sick father. 3 Jacob repeateth the promise; 21 and prophesieth their return to Canaan.

And it came to passe after these things, that he told Joseph, Behold, thy fa-

when ſick: and he took with him his two ſons, Manaſſeh and Ephraim.

2 And one told Jacob, and ſaid, Behold, thy ſon Joſeph cometh unto thee: and Iſrael ſtrengthened himſelf, and ſat upon the bed.

3 And Jacob ſaid unto Joſeph, God Almightie appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and bleſſed me;

4 And ſaid unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people, and will give this land to thy ſeed after thee, for an everlaſting poſſeſſion.

5 And now thy two ſons, Ephraim and Manaſſeh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt, before I came unto thee into Egypt, are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they ſhall be mine.

6 And thy illue which thou begetteſt after them, ſhall be thine, and ſhall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance.

7 And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan, in the way, when yet there was but a little way to come unto Ephraim: and I buried her there in the way of Ephraim, the ſame is Beth-lehem.

8 And Iſrael beſeeld Joſephs ſons and ſaid, who are theſe?

9 And Joſeph ſaid unto his father, They are my ſons, whom God hath given me in this place: and he ſaid, bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bleſſe them.

10 (Now the eyes of Iſrael were dim for age, ſo that he could not ſee) And he brought them near unto him; and he kiſſed them, and embraced them.

11 And Iſrael ſaid unto Joſeph, I had not thought to ſee thy face: and lo, God hath ſhewed me alſo thy ſeed.

12 And Joſeph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himſelf with his face to the earth.

13 And Joſeph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand towards Iſraels left hand, and Manaſſeh in his left hand towards Iſraels right hand, and brought them near unto him.

14 And Iſrael ſtretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraims head, who was the younger; and his left hand upon Manaſſehs head, guiding his hands wittingly: for Manaſſeh was the firſt-born.

15 ¶ And he bleſſed Joſeph, and ſaid, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Iſaac did walk, the God which ſed me all my life long unto this day,

16 The angel which redeemed me from all evil, bleſſe the lads; & let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Iſaac; & let them grow into a multitude in the miſt of the earth.

17 And when Joſeph ſaw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it diſpleaſed him; and he held up his fathers hand, to remove it from Ephraims head unto Manaſſehs head.

18 And Joſeph ſaid unto his father, Not ſo, my father: for this is the firſt-born; put thy right hand upon his head.

19 And his father reſuſed, and ſaid, I know it, my ſon, I know it; he alſo ſhall

become a people, and he alſo ſhall be great; but truly his younger brother ſhall be greater then he, and his ſeed ſhall become a multitude of nations.

20 And he bleſſed them that day, ſaying, In thee ſhall Iſrael bleſſe, ſaying, God make thee as Ephraim, and as Manaſſeh; and he ſet Ephraim before Manaſſeh.

21 And Iſrael ſaid unto Joſeph, Behold, I die; but God ſhall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers.

22 Moreover, I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my ſword and with my bow.

CHAP. XLIX.

1 Jacob calleth his ſons to bleſſe them.

3 Their bleſſing in particular. 29 He chargeſh them concerning his buriall.

33 His death.

And Jacob called unto his ſons, and ſaid, Gather your ſelves together, that I may tell you that which ſhall befall you in the laſt dayes.

2 Gather your ſelves together, and heare, ye ſons of Jacob, and hearken unto Iſrael your father.

3 ¶ Reuben, thou art my firſt-born, my might, and the beginning of my ſtrength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:

4 Unſtable as water, thou ſhalt not excell, becauſe thou wenteſt up to thy fathers bed; then deſideſt thou it: He went up to my couch.

5 ¶ Simeon & Levi are brethren, inſtruments of cruelty are in their habitations.

6 O my ſoul, come not thou into their ſecret; unto their aſſembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they ſlew a man, and in their ſelf-will they digged down a wall.

7 Curſed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel. I will divide them in Jacob, and ſcatter them in Iſrael.

8 ¶ Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren ſhall praile; thy hand ſhall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy fathers children ſhall bowe down before thee.

9 Judah is a lions whelp: from the prey, my ſon, thou art gone up: he ſtooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who ſhall rouſe him up?

10 The ſcepter ſhall not depart from Judah, nor a law-giver from between his feet, untill ſiſhon come; and unto him ſhall the gathering of the people be:

11 Binding his foal unto the wine, and his aſſes colt unto the choiſe vine; he waſhed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:

12 His eyes ſhall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

13 ¶ Zebulon ſhall dwell at the haven of the ſea, and he ſhall be for an haven of ſhips: and his border ſhall be unto Zidon.

14 ¶ Iſaſchar is a ſtrong aſſe, couching down between two burdens.

15 And he ſaw that reſt was good, and the land that it was pleaſant; and bowed his ſhoulder to bear, and became a ſervant unto tribute.

16 ¶ Dan ſhall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Iſrael.

17 Dan ſhall be a ſerpent by the way, an

adder in the path; that biteth the horſe-
heels, ſo that his rider ſhall fall backward.

18 I Dve waited for thy ſalvation, O
LORD.

19 ¶ Gad, a troupe ſhall overcome him:
but he ſhall overcome at the laſt.

20 ¶ Out of Aſher his bread *ſhall be*
fat, and he ſhall yeeld royal dainties.

21 ¶ Naphtali is a hind let looſe: he
giveth goodly words.

22 ¶ Joſeph is a fruitful bough, *even*
a fruitful bough by a well, *whoſe* bran-
ches run over the wall.

23 The archers have ſorely grieved
him, and ſhor at him, and hated him.

24 But his bow abode in ſtrength, and
the arms of his hands were made ſtrong,
by the hands of the mighty God of Ja-
cob: from thence is the Shepherd, the
ſtone of Iſrael.

25 *Even* by the God of thy father who
ſhall help thee, and by the Almighty, who
ſhall bleſſe thee with bleſſings of heaven
above, bleſſings of the deep y lieth under,
bleſſings of the breaſts, and of the womb.

26 The bleſſings of thy father have pre-
vailed above the bleſſings of my progeni-
tours, unto y utmost bound of the everlaſ-
ting hills; they ſhall be on the head of
Joſeph, and on the crown of the head of
him that was ſeparate from his brethren.

27 ¶ Benjamin ſhall ravine as a wolf;
in the morning he ſhall devour the prey,
and at night he ſhall divide the ſpoil.

28 ¶ All theſe are the twelve tribes of
Iſrael: and this is y their father ſpoke
unto them, and bleſſed them, every one
according to his bleſſing he bleſſed them.

29 And he charged them and ſaid unto
them, I am to be gathered unto my peo-
ple: bury me with my fathers, in the cave
that is in y field of Ephron the Hittite,

30 In the cave that is in the field of
Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the
land of Canaan, which Abraham bought
with the field of Ephron the Hittite, for
a poſſeſſion of a burying-place.

31 (There they buried Abraham and Sa-
rah his wife, there they buried Iſaac and
Rebekah his wife, & there I buried Leah.)

32 The purchaſe of the field and of the
cave that is therein, was from the chil-
dren of Heth.

33 And when Jacob had made an end
of commanding his ſons, he gathered up
his feet into the bed, and yielded up the
ghoſt, and was gathered unto his people.

CHAP. L.

1 *The mourning for Jacob.* 7 *The fune-
rall.* 24 *Joſeph propheſieth to his bre-
thren their return.* 26 *His death.*

And Joſeph ſell upon his fathers face,
and wept upon him, and kiſſed him.

2 And Joſeph commanded his ſervants
the phyſicians to embalm his father: and
the phyſicians embalmed Iſrael.

3 And forty dayes were fulfilled for
him (for ſo are fulfilled the dayes of
thoſe which are embalmed) and the Egi-
ptians mourned for him threeſcore and
ten dayes.

4 And when the dayes of his mourning
were paſt, Joſeph ſpoke unto the houſe of
Pharaoh, ſaying, If now I have found
grace in your eyes, ſpeak, I pray you, in
the ears of Pharaoh, ſaying,

5 My father made me ſwear, ſaying, Lo,

I die: in my grave which I have digged
for me, in the land of Canaan, there ſhall
thou bury me. Now therefore let me go
up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and
I will come again.

6 And Pharaoh ſaid, Go up, and bury
thy father, according as he made thee
ſwear.

7 ¶ And Joſeph went up to bury his fa-
ther: and with him went up all the ſer-
vants of Pharaoh, the elders of his houſe,
and all the elders of the land of Egypt,

8 And all the houſe of Joſeph, and his
brethren, & his fathers houſe: onely their
little ones, and their flocks, and their
herds, they left in the land of Goſhen.

9 And there went up with him both
chariots and horſemen, and it was a very
great company.

10 And they came to the threshing-floor
of Atad, which is beyond Jordan, and
there they mourned with a great and very
ſolemn lamentation: and he made a mourn-
ing for his father ſeven dayes.

11 And when the inhabitants of the
land, the Canaanites, ſaw the mourning
in the floor of Atad, they ſaid, This is a
grievous mourning to the Egyptians:
Wherefore the name of it was called
Abelmizraim, which is beyond Jordan.

12 And his ſons did unto him according
as he commanded them.

13 For his ſons carried him into the
land of Canaan, and buried him in the
cave of the field of Machpelah, which
Abraham bought with the field for a poſ-
ſeſſion of a burying-place, of Ephron the
Hittite, before Mamre.

14 ¶ And Joſeph returned into Egypt,
he and his brethren, and all that went
up with him to bury his father, after he had
buried his father.

15 ¶ And when Joſeph's brethren ſaw
that their father was dead, they ſaid, Jo-
ſeph will peradventure hate us, and will
certainly require us all the evil which
we did unto him.

16 And they ſent a meſſenger unto Jo-
ſeph, ſaying, Thy father did command
before he died, ſaying,

17 So ſhall ye ſay unto Joſeph, For-
give, I pray thee now, the trefpaſſe of
thy brethren, and their ſin: for they did
unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee,
forgive the trefpaſſe of the ſervants of
the God of thy father. And Joſeph wept
when they ſpoke unto him.

18 And his brethren alſo went and fell
down before his face; and they ſaid, Be-
hold, we be thy ſervants.

19 And Joſeph ſaid unto them, Fear
not: for am I in the place of God?

20 But as for you, ye thought evil a-
gainſt me, but God meant it unto good,
to bring to paſſe, as it is this day, to ſave
much people alive.

21 Now therefore fear ye not: I will
nouriſh you, and your little ones. And be
comforted them, and ſpoke kindly unto
them.

22 ¶ And Joſeph dwelt in Egypt, he,
and his fathers houſe: and Joſeph lived
an hundred and ten years.

23 And Joſeph ſaw Ephraim's children,
of the third generation: the children alſo
of Machir, the ſon of Manalleh, were
brought up upon Joſeph's knees.

24 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land, unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

25 And Joseph took an oath of the

children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.

26 So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

THE SECOND BOOK OF MOSES, called EXODUS.

CHAP. I.

1 The children of Israel multiply.

2 They are oppressed by a new king.

3 The godliness of the midwives.

NOW these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt, every man and his household came with Jacob.

2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and

Judah,

3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin,

4 Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

5 And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob, were seventy souls: for Joseph was in Egypt already.

6 And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation.

7 ¶ And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty, and the land was filled with them.

8 Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.

9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we.

10 Come on, let us deal wisely with them, lest they multiply, and it come to passe, that when there falleth out any war, they joyn also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so getteth us out of the land.

11 Therefore they did set over them task-masters, to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure-cities, Pithom and Raamses.

12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew: and they were grieved because of the children of Israel.

13 And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour.

14 And they made their lives bitter, with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service wherein they made them serve, was with rigour.

15 And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives (of which the name of one was Shiprah, and the name of the other Puah)

16 And he said, when ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him, but if it be a daughter, then she shall live.

17 But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men-children alive.

18 And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men-children alive?

19 And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women: for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them.

20 Therefore God dealt well with the

midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty.

21 And it came to passe, because the midwives feared God, he made them houses.

22 And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.

CHAP. II.

1 Moses is born, 3 and cast into the flags. 5 He is found, and brought up by Pharaohs daughter.

AND there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi.

2 And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months.

3 And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein: and she laid it in the flags by the rivers brink.

4 And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him.

5 ¶ And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash her self at the river, and her maidens walked along by the river side: and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it.

6 And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews children.

7 Then said his sister to Pharaohs daughter, Shall I go, and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?

8 And Pharaohs daughter said unto her, Go. And the maid went and called the childes mother.

9 And Pharaohs daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it.

10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaohs daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

11 ¶ And it came to passe in those dayes, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens; and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren.

12 And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.

13 And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strave together: and he said to him that did the wrong, wherefore smitest thou thy fellow?

14 And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou

to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.

15 Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well.

16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters; and they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their fathers flock.

17 And the shepherds came and drove them away; but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.

18 And when they came to Reuel their father, he said, How is it that you are come to so soon to day?

19 And they said, An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and also drew water enough for us, and watered the flock.

20 And he said unto his daughters, and where is he? why is it that ye have left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread.

21 And Moses was content to dwell with the man; and he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter.

22 And she bare him a son, and he called his name Gershom: for he said, I have been a stranger in a strange land.

23 ¶ And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died, and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried; and their cry came up unto God, by reason of the bondage.

24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

25 And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them.

CHAP. III.

1 *Moses keepeth Iethro's flock, a God appearing to him in a burning bush, & sending him to deliver Israel.*

NOW Moses kept the flock of Iethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the back-side of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.

2 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

4 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither; put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest, is holy ground.

6 Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, and Moses hid his face: for he was afraid to look upon God.

7 ¶ And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry, by reason of their task-masters; for I know their sorrows;

8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them out of that land, unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey, unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

9 Now therefore behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

11 ¶ And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: when thou shalt have brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you: and they shall say unto me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?

14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: And he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

16 Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt.

17 And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt, unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.

18 And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and you shall say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go (we beseech thee) three days journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.

19 ¶ And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand.

20 And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.

21 And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that when ye go, ye shall not go empty:

22 But every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver and jewels of

gold, and raiment; and ye shall put them upon your sons; and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians.

C H A P. IV.

1 *Moses rod is turned into a serpent.*
6 *His hand is leprous.* 21 *Gods message to Pharaoh.*

And Moses answered and said, But behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee.

2 And the LORD said unto him, what is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.

3 And he said, Cast it on the ground: And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent: And Moses fled from before it.

4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand.

5 That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.

6 ¶ And the LORD said Furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosome. And he put his hand into his bosome: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow.

7 And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosome again. And he put his hand into his bosome again, and plucked it out of his bosome, and behold, it was turned again as his other flesh.

8 And it shall come to passe, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first signe, that they will believe the voice of the latter signe.

9 And it shall come to passe, if they will not believe also these two signes, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river, shall become blood upon the dry land.

10 ¶ And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.

11 And the LORD said unto him, who hath made mans mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blinde? have not I the LORD?

12 Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

13 And he said, O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send.

14 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.

15 And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do.

16 And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, even he shall be to thee in stead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him in stead of God.

17 And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signes.

18 ¶ And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father in law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren, which are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said unto Moses, Go in peace.

19 And the LORD said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life.

20 And Moses took his wife, and his sons, and let them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the rod of God in his hand.

21 And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go.

22 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my first-born.

23 And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy first-born.

24 ¶ And it came to passe by the way in the time, that the LORD met him, and fought to kill him.

25 Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the fore-skin of her son, and cast it at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband art thou to me.

26 So he let him go: then she said, A bloody husband thou art, because of the circumcision.

27 ¶ And the LORD said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him.

28 And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD, who had sent him, and all the signes which he had commanded him.

29 ¶ And Moses and Aaron went, and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel.

30 And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signes in the sight of the people.

31 And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

C H A P. V.

1 *Pharaoh chideeth Moses and Aaron.*
5 *He increaseth the Israelites task.*
22 *Moses complaineth to God.*

And afterwards Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.

2 And Pharaoh said, who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go.

3 And they said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three dayes journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the LORD our God; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword.

4 And the king of Egypt said unto them, wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, let the people from their works? Get you unto your burdens,

5 And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now are many, and you make them rest from their burdens.

6 And Pharaoh commanded the same day the task-masters of the people, and their officers, saying,

7 Ye shall no more give the people straw to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and gather straw for themselves.

8 And the tale of the bricks which they did make heretofore, you shall lay upon them: you shall not diminish *thought* thereof: for they be idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go & sacrifice to our God.

9 Let there more work be laid upon the men, that they may labour therein: and let them not regard vain words.

10 ¶ And the task-masters of the people went out, and their officers, and they spake to the people, saying, Thus saith Pharaoh, I will not give you straw.

11 Go ye, get you straw where you can find it: yet no thought of your work shall be diminished.

12 So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt, to gather stubble instead of straw.

13 And the task-masters hastened them, saying, Fulfill your works, your daily tasks, as when there was straw.

14 And the officers of the children of Israel, which Pharaoh's task-masters had set over them, were beaten, and demanded, wherefore have ye not fulfilled your task in making brick, both yesterday and to day, as heretofore?

15 ¶ Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried unto Pharaoh, saying, wherefore dealest thou thus with thy servants?

16 There is no straw given unto thy servants, and they say to us, Make brick: and behold, thy servants are beaten; but the fault is in thine own people.

17 But he said, Ye are idle, ye are idle: therefore ye say, Let us go, and do sacrifice to the LORD.

18 Go therefore now and work: for there shall no straw be given you, yet shall ye deliver the tale of bricks.

19 And the officers of the children of Israel did see that they were in evil case, after it was said, Ye shall not diminish *thought* from your bricks of your daily task.

20 ¶ And they met Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh.

21 And they said unto them, The LORD look upon you, and judge; because you have made our favour to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hands to slay us.

22 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Lord, wherefore hast thou so evil intreated this people? why is it that thou hast sent me?

23 For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to this people; neither hast thou delivered thy people at all.

CHAP. VI.

1 God reneweth his promise by his name **IEHOVAH.** 14 The genealogy of Reuben, 25 of Simeon, 16 of Levi.

Then the LORD said unto Moses, Now shall thou see what I will do to Pharaoh:

for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land.

2 And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD:

3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name **IEHOVAH** was I not known to them.

4 And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers.

5 And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage: and I have remembered my covenant.

6 Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage: and I will redeem you with a stretched-out arm, and with great judgements.

7 And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

8 And I will bring you in unto the land concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, and I will give it you for an heritage: I am the LORD.

9 ¶ And Moses spake so unto the children of Israel; but they hearkened not unto Moses, for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage.

10 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

11 Go in, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land.

12 And Moses spake before the LORD, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not hearkened unto me: how then shall Pharaoh hear me, who am of uncircumcised lips?

13 And the LORD spake unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and gave them a charge unto the children of Israel, and unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

14 ¶ These be the heads of their fathers' houses: the sons of Reuben, the first-born of Israel; Hanoch, and Gassu, Hezron, and Carmi: these be the families of Reuben.

15 And the sons of Simeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman: these are the families of Simeon.

16 ¶ And these are the names of the sons of Levi, according to their generations; Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari: and the years of the life of Levi were an hundred thirty and seven years.

17 The sons of Gershon; Libni and Shimi, according to their families.

18 And the sons of Kohath; Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel: And the years of the life of Kohath were an hundred thirty and three years.

19 And the sons of Merari; Mahali and Muhi: these are the families of Levi, according to their generations.

20 And Amram took him Jochebed his

fathers' sister to wife; and she bare him Aaron and Moses: and the years of the life of Amram were an hundred and thirty and seven years.

21 ¶ And the sons of Izhar; Korah, and Nepheg, and Zichri.

22 And the sons of Uzziel; Mithael, and Elzaphan, and Zithri.

23 And Aaron took him Elisheba daughter of Amminadab, sister of Naathon, to wife; and she bare him Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

24 And the sons of Korah; Assir, and Elkana, and Abiasaph: these are the families of the Korhites.

25 And Eleazar Aarons son took him one of the daughters of Putiel to wife; and she bare him Phinehas: these are the heads of the fathers of the Levites, according to their families.

26 These are that Aaron and Moses, to whom the LORD said, Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt, according to their armies.

27 These are they which spake to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the children of Israel from Egypt: these are that Moses and Aaron.

28 ¶ And it came to passe on the day when the LORD spake unto Moses in the land of Egypt,

29 That the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, I am the LORD: speak thou unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, all that I say unto thee.

30 And Moses said before the LORD, Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh hearken unto me?

CHAP. VII.

3 Moses is encouraged to go to Pharaoh. 8 His rod is turned into a serpent.

13 Pharaoh's heart is hardened. 19 The river is turned into blood.

And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh, & Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.

2 Thou shalt speak all that I command thee, and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he send the children of Israel out of his land.

3 And I will harden Pharaohs heart, and multiply my signes and my wonders in the land of Egypt.

4 But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt, by great judgements.

5 And the Egyptians shall know, that I am the LORD, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them.

6 And Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded them, so did they.

7 And Moses was fourscore years old, and Aaron fourscore and three years old, when they spake unto Pharaoh.

8 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, and unto Aaron, saying,

9 When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent.

10 ¶ And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast

down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent.

11 Then Pharaoh also called the wise men, and the soothsayers; now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.

12 For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aarons rod swallowed up their rods.

13 And he hardened Pharaohs heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

14 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaohs heart is hardened, he refuseth to let the people go.

15 Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning, so, he goeth out unto the water, and thou shalt stand by the rivers brink, against he come: and the rod which was turned to a serpent shalt thou take into thine hand.

16 And thou shalt say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear.

17 Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand, upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood.

18 And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink: and the Egyptians shall loath to drink of the water of the river.

19 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood, and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone.

20 And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded: and he lifted up the rod and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants: and all the waters that were in the river, were turned to blood.

21 And the fish that was in the river, died: and the river stunk, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river: and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

22 And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments: and Pharaohs heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the LORD had said.

23 And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also.

24 And all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink: for they could not drink of the waters of the river.

25 And seven dayes were fulfilled, after that the LORD had smitten the river.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Frogs are sent. 16 The dust turned into lice. 23 The swarms of flies.

32 Pharaoh is hardened.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

The plague of frogs, and of lice. Exodus.

The swarm of flies.

2 And if thou refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with frogs.

3 And the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into thine house, and into thy bed-chamber, and upon thy bed, and into the house of thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thine ovens, and into thy kneading-troughs.

4 And the frogs shall come up both on thee, and upon thy people, and upon all thy servants.

5 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt.

6 And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt.

7 And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt.

8 ¶ Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Intreat the LORD, that he may take away the frogs from me, and from my people: and I will let the people go, that they may do sacrifice unto the LORD.

9 And Moses said unto Pharaoh, Glory over me: when shall I intreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, to destroy the frogs from thee, and thy houses, that they may remain in the river only?

10 And he said, Tomorrow. And he said, Be it according to thy word; that thou mayest know, that there is none like unto the LORD our God.

11 And the frogs shall depart from thee, and from thy houses, and from thy servants, and from thy people; they shall remain in the river only.

12 And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh, & Moses cried unto the LORD, because of the frogs which he had brought against Pharaoh.

13 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses: and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields.

14 And they gathered them together upon heaps, and the land stank.

15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, & hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

16 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

17 And they did so for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice, in man and in beast: all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

18 And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not: so there were lice upon man, and upon beast.

19 Then 7 magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

20 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to

the water, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

21 Rise if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses; and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground whereon they are.

22 And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end thou mayest know, that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth.

23 And I will put a division between my people, and thy people: to morrow shall this sign be.

24 And the LORD did so: and there came a grievous swarm of flies into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants houses, and into all the land of Egypt; the land was corrupted by reason of the swarm of flies.

25 ¶ And Pharaoh called for Moses, and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land.

26 And Moses said, It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God: Lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us?

27 We will go three dayes journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, as he shall command us.

28 And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God, in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away: intreat for me.

29 And Moses said, Behold, I go out from thee, and I will intreat the LORD, that the swarm of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, to morrow: but let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more, in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD.

30 And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD.

31 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people: there remained not one.

32 And Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go.

CHAP. IX.

1 The murrains of beasts, & The plague of boils and blains: and of hail.

2 Pharaoh is yet hardened. **T**hen the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

3 For if thou refuse to let them go, and wilt hold them still,

4 Behold, the hand of the LORD is upon thy cattel which is in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: *there shall be a very grievous murrain.*

5 And the LORD shall sever between the cattel of Israel, and the cattel of Egypt, and there shall nothing die of all *that is* the childrens of Israel.

5 And the LORD appointed a set time, saying, To morrow the LORD shall do this thing in the land.

6 And the LORD did that thing on the morrow, and all the cattel of Egypt died: but of the cattel of the children of Israel died not one.

7 And Pharaoh sent, and behold, there was not one of the cattel of the Israelites dead. And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.

8 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, and unto Aaron, Take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it towards the heaven in the sight of Pharaoh:

9 And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall be a boil breaking forth with blains, upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt.

10 And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh, and Moses spinked it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking forth with blains, upon man, and upon beast.

11 And the magicians could not stand before Moses, because of the boils: for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians.

12 And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had spoken unto Moses.

13 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

14 For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people: that thou mayest know that there is none like me in all the earth.

15 For now I will stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence, and thou shalt be cut off from the earth.

16 And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to shew in thee my power, and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth.

17 As yet exaltest thou thyself against my people, y thou wilt not let them go?

18 Behold, tomorrow about this time, I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt, since the foundation thereof, even until now.

19 Send therefore now, and gather thy cattel, and all that thou hast in the field: for upon every man and beast which shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die.

20 He that feared the word of the LORD amongst the servants of Pharaoh, made his servants and his cattel flee into the houses.

21 And he that regarded not the word of the LORD, left his servants and his cattel in the field.

22 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.

23 And Moses stretched forth his rod

toward heaven, and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground, and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt.

24 So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt, since it became a nation.

25 And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt, all that was in the field, both man and beast: and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field.

26 Only in the land of Goshen where the children of Israel were, was there no hail.

27 ¶ And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the LORD is righteous, and I and my people are wicked.

28 Intreat the LORD (for it is enough) that there be no more mighty thundrings and hail: and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer.

29 And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto the LORD, and the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail: that thou mayest know, how that the earth is the LORDS.

30 But as for thee and thy servants, I know that ye will not yet fear the LORD God.

31 And the flax, and the barley was smitten: for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was boiled.

32 But the wheat and the rie were not smitten: for they were not grown up.

33 And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread abroad his hands unto the LORD: and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the earth.

34 And when Pharaoh saw, that the rain, and the hail, and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants.

35 And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the children of Israel go; as the LORD had spoken by Moses.

CHAP. X.

12 The plague of locusts: 21 of darkness.

27 Pharaohs hard-esse.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants; that I might shew these my signes before him.

2 And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy sons son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signes which I have done amongst them: that ye may know how that I am the LORD.

3 And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me? Let my people go, that they may serve me.

4 If thou refuse to let my people go, behold, tomorrow will I bring the locusts unto thy coast.

5 And they shall cover the face of the earth, that none can be able to see the earth, and they shall eat the residue of

that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail; and shall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field.

6 And they shall fill thy houses, and the houses of all thy servants; and the houses of all the Egyptians; which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth, unto this day. And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh.

7 And Pharaohs servants said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? Let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God: Knowest thou not yet, that Egypt is destroyed?

8 And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he said unto them, Go, serve the LORD your God: but who are they that shall go?

9 And Moses said, we will go with our young, and with our old, with our sons, and with our daughters; with our flocks, and with our herds will we go: for we must hold a feast unto the LORD.

10 And he said unto them, Let the LORD be so with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones. Look to it, for evil is before you.

11 Not so: go now ye that are men, and serve the LORD, for that you did desire; and they were driven out from Pharaohs presence.

12 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, even all that the hail hath left.

13 And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east-wind upon the land all that day, and all that night: and when it was morning, the east-wind brought the locusts.

14 And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and reiled in all the coasts of Egypt: very grievous were they; before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such.

15 For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened, and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees, which the hail had left: and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt.

16 ¶ Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you.

17 Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and intreat the LORD your God, that he may take away from me this death only.

18 And he went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD.

19 And the LORD turned a mighty strong west-wind, which took away the locusts, and cast them into the Red sea: there remained not one locust in all the coasts of Egypt.

20 But the LORD hardened Pharaohs heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go.

21 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses,

Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt.

22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven: and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days.

23 They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

24 ¶ And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, Go ye, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed; let your little ones also go with you.

25 And Moses said, Thou must give us also sacrifices, & burnt-offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God.

26 Our cat also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind: for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, untill we come thither.

27 ¶ But the LORD hardened Pharaohs heart, and he would not let them go.

28 And Pharaoh said unto him, Get thee from me, take heed to thy self, see my face no more: for in that day thou seest my face, thou shalt die.

29 And Moses said, Thou hast spoken well, I will see thy face again no more.

CHAP. XI.

1 Gods message to the Israelites to borrow their neighbours jewels. 4 The death of the first-born threatened.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Verily I will bring one plague more upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence: when he shall let you go, he shall surely thrust you out hence altogether.

2 Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow of his neighbour, and every woman of her neighbour, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold.

3 And the LORD gave people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover, the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaohs servants, and in the sight of the people.

4 And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD, About mid-night will I go out into the midst of Egypt.

5 And all the first-born in the land of Egypt shall die, from the first-born of Pharaoh, that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the first-born of the maid-servant that is behind the mill, and all the first-born of beasts.

6 And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more.

7 But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.

8 And all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down themselves unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee; and after that I will go out: and he went out from Pharaoh in a great anger.

9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh

Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you; that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.

10 And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh: and the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

CHAP. XII.

3 The passover is instituted. 20 The first-born are slain. 31 The Israelites are driven out of the land.

And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,
2 This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.

3 ¶ Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house.

4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house, take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating, shall make your count for the lamb.

5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep or from the goats.

6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side-posts, and on the upper door-post of the houses, where-in they shall eat it.

8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night; roast with fire, and unleavened bread, and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

9 Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire: his head with his legs, and with the purtenance the cof.

10 And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning: and that which remaineth of it until the morning, ye shall burn with fire.

11 ¶ And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand: and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S passover.

12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgement: I am the LORD.

13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where you are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial: and you shall keep it a feast to the LORD, throughout your generations: you shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

15 Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread, even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whatsoever eateth leavened bread, from the first day, until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel,

16 And in the first day there shall be an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you: no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you.

17 And ye shall observe the feast of unleavened bread: for in the self-same day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt; therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations, by an ordinance for ever.

18 ¶ In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even.

19 Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger or born in the land.

20 Ye shall eat nothing leavened: in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.

21 ¶ Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb, according to your families, and kill the passover.

22 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintell and the two side-posts, with the blood that is in the bason: and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

23 For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians, and when he seeth the blood upon the lintell, and on the two side-posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

24 And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee, and to thy sons for ever.

25 And it shall come to pass when ye be come to the land, which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service.

26 And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, what mean you by this service?

27 That ye shall say, it is the sacrifice of the LORD'S passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.

28 And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

29 ¶ And it came to pass that at midnight the LORD smote all the first-born in the land of Egypt, from the first-born of Pharaoh, that sat on his throne, unto the first-born of the captive that was in the dungeon, and all the first-born of cartel.

30 And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt: for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

31 ¶ And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from amongst my people, both you

You and the children of Israel: and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said.

32 Also take your flocks, and your herds, as ye have said: and be gone, and bless me also.

33 And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste: for they said, We be all dead men.

34 And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading-tongs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.

35 And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses: and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment,

36 And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them *such things as they required*: and they spoiled the Egyptians.

37 ¶ And the children of Israel journeyed from Ramesses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot *that were men*, besides children.

38 And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, *even* very much carrel.

39 And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough, which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened: because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual.

40 ¶ Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years.

41 And it came to passe, at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the self-same day it came to passe, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

42 It is a night to be much observed unto the LORD, for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: This is that night of the LORD to be observed of all the children of Israel, in their generations.

43 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the passover: there shall no stranger eat thereof.

44 But every manservant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof.

45 A forrainger, and an hired servant shall not eat thereof.

46 In one house shall it be eaten, thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house: neither shall ye break a bone thereof.

47 All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.

48 And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it: and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.

49 One law shall be to him that is home-born, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.

50 Thus did all the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

51 And it came to passe the self-same day, that the LORD did bring the

children of Israel out of the land of Egypt, by their armies.

CHAP. XIII.

1 The first-born are sanctified to God.
2 The memorial of the passover commanded. 21 God guideth them by a pillar of a cloud, and a pillar of fire.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Sanctify unto me all the first-born, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine.

3 ¶ And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage: for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out from this place: there shall no leavened bread be eaten.

4 This day came ye out, in the month Abib.

5 ¶ And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee; a land flowing with milk and honey, that thou shalt keep this service in this month.

6 Seven dayes shalt thou eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day shall be a feast to the LORD.

7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven dayes: and there shall no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven seen with thee in all thy quarters.

8 ¶ And thou shalt shew thy son in that day, saying, This is done because of that which the LORD did unto me, when I came forth out of Egypt.

9 And it shall be for a signe unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memoriall between thine eyes; that the LORDS law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt.

10 Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in his season from year to year.

11 ¶ And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, as he sware unto thee and to thy fathers, and shall give it thee,

12 That thou shalt set apart unto the LORD all that openeth the matrix, and every firstling that cometh of a beast, which thou hast, the males shall be the LORDS.

13 And every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck: and all the first-born of man amongst thy children shalt thou redeem.

14 ¶ And it shall be when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What is this? that thou shalt say unto him, By strength of hand the LORD brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage.

15 And it came to passe when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, that the LORD slew all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both the first-born of man, and the first-born of beast: therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all that openeth the matrix, being males; but all the first-born of my children I redeem.

16 And it shall be for a token upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes

thine eyes. For by strength of hand the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt.

17 ¶ And it came to passe, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not ~~through~~ the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near: For God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt.

18 But God led the people about, through the way of the wilderness of the Red sea: and the children of Israel wear up harnessed out of the land of Egypt.

19 And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straightly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you.

20 ¶ And they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness.

21 And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way, and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night.

22 He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

CHAP. XIV.

¶ *Pharaohs pursuit. 10 The Israelites murmure. 21 They passe through the Red sea. 23 The Egyptians drowned.*

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

1 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn and encamp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baal-zephon: before it shall ye encamp by the sea.

2 For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They are intrangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in.

3 And I will harden Pharaohs heart, that he shall follow after them, and I will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD. And they did so.

4 ¶ And it was told the king of Egypt, that the people fled: and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people, and they said, why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?

5 And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him.

6 And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them.

7 And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: and the children of Israel went out with an high hand.

8 But the Egyptians pursued after them (all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army) and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth before Baal-zephon.

9 ¶ And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lift up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them, and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD.

10 And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness?

wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?

11 Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? for it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, then that we should die in the wilderness.

12 ¶ And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

13 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

14 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward.

15 But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

16 And I, behold I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them, and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

17 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

18 ¶ And the angel of God which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them.

19 And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel, and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night.

20 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east-wind all that night, and made the sea dry-land, and the waters were divided.

21 And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry-ground, and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

22 ¶ And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them, to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaohs horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

23 And it came to passe, that in the morning-watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians, through the pillar of fire, and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians.

24 And took off their chariot-wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel: for the LORD fighteth for them, against the Egyptians.

25 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

26 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared: and the Egyptians fled against it: and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

13 And the waters returned and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.

19 But the child, en of Israel walked upon dry-land in the midst of the sea, and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

20 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea-shore.

21 And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.

CHAPTER. XV.

1 *Moses song.* 22 *The people want water.* 23 *The bitter waters of Marah, are sweetned.*

Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

2 The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation; he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my fathers God, and I will exalt him.

3 The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.

4 Pharaohs chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea; his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea.

5 The depths have covered them; they sank into the bottom as a stone.

6 Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power; thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

7 And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them; thou rosest up against thee; thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble.

8 And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together: the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.

9 The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil: my lust shall be satisfied upon them: I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.

10 Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them, they sank as lead in the mighty waters.

11 Who is like unto thee, O LORD, amongst the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

12 Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them.

13 Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

14 The people shall hear, and be afraid: sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestina.

15 Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed: the mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold upon them: all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away.

16 Fear and dread shall fall upon them, by the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone, till thy people pass over, O LORD; till the people pass over, which thou hast purchased.

17 Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, in the place, O LORD, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in, in the sanctuary, O LORD, which thy hands have established.

18 The LORD shall reign for ever and ever.

19 For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots, and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry-land in the midst of the sea.

20 ¶ And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrell in her hand; and all the women went out after her, with timbrels, and with dances.

21 And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

22 So Moses brought Israel from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur: and they went three dayes in the wilderness, and found no water.

23 ¶ And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter; therefore the name of it was called Marah.

24 And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?

25 And he cried unto the LORD: and the LORD shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them.

26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes; I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

27 ¶ And they came to Elim, where were twelve wells of water, and three-score and ten palm-trees: and they encamped there by the waters.

CHAPTER. XVI.

2 *The Israelites murmur for want of bread.* 11 *Quails are sent, 14 and manna.*

And they took their journey from Elim; and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month, after their departing out of the land of Egypt.

2 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

3 And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh-pots, and when we did eat bread to the full: for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

4 ¶ Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that they may

may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

5 And it shall come to passe, that on the sixth day, they shall prepare *that* which they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.

6 And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, At even, then ye shall know that the LORD hath brought you out from the land of Egypt.

7 And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the LORD; for that he beareth your murmurings against the LORD: And what are we, that ye murmur against us?

8 And Moses said, *This shall be* when the LORD shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the LORD heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: And what are we? your murmurings are not against us, but against the LORD.

9 ¶ And Moses spake unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the LORD; for he hath heard your murmurings.

10 And it came to passe as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

11 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

12 I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: Speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread: and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God.

13 And it came to passe, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp; and in the morning the dew lay round about the host.

14 And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground.

15 And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna: for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat.

16 ¶ This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded: gather of it every man according to his eating: an omer for every man, according to the number of your persons, take ye every man for them which are in his tents.

17 And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some lesse.

18 And when they did mete it with an omer, he that gathered much, had nothing over, and he that gathered little, had no lack: they gathered every man according to his eating.

19 And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning.

20 Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses, but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms and stank: And Moses was wroth with them.

21 And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating, and when the sun waxed hot, it melted.

22 ¶ And it came to passe that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much

bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses.

23 And he said unto them, This is that which the LORD hath said, Tomorrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake that which ye will bake, to day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over, lay up for you to be kept until the morning.

24 And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade; and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein.

25 And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to day is a sabbath unto the LORD: to day ye shall not find it in the field.

26 Six dayes ye shall gather it, but on the seventh day which is the sabbath, in it there shall be none.

27 ¶ And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none.

28 And the LORD said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws?

29 See, for that the LORD hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two dayes: abide ye every man in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.

30 So the people rested on the seventh day.

31 And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna: and it was like coriander-seed, white: and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.

32 ¶ And Moses said, This is the thing which the LORD commandeth, Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations; y they may see the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt.

33 And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations.

34 As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the testimony, to be kept.

35 And the children of Israel did eat manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited: they did eat manna, until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan.

36 Now an omer is the tenth part of an ephah.

CHAP. XVII.

1 The people murmur for water at Rephidim. 5 Moses is sent to the rock in Horeb. 8 Amalek is overcome.

AND all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched in Rephidim: and there was no water for the people to drink.

2 Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide you with me? Wherefore do ye tempt the LORD?

3 And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children, and our cattle with thirst?

4 And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, what shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me.

5 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel: & thy rod wherewith thou imposest the river, take in thine hand, and go.

6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb, and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

7 And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?

8 ¶ Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

9 And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose out men, & go out, fight with Amalek; tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill, with the rod of God in mine hand.

10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur, went up to the top of the hill.

11 And it came to passe when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: & when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

12 But Moses hands were heavy, and they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat thereon: and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady untill the going down of the sun.

13 And Joshua did smite Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

14 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memoriall in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.

15 And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it JEHOVAH-Nissi.

16 For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that I LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Jethro bringeth to Moses his wife and two sons: 2 Moses entertaineth him, 3 accepteth his counsel.

WHEN Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses father in law, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, and that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt:

2 Then Jetho, Moses father in law, took Zipporah Moses wife, after he had sent her back,

3 And her two sons, of which the name of the one was Gershom (for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land)

4 And the name of the other was Eliezer (for the God of my father, said he was mine help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh)

5 And Jethro, Moses father in law, came with his sons and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped at the mount of God.

6 And he said unto Moses, I thy father in law Jethro am come unto thee, and

thy wife, and her two sons with her.

7 ¶ And Moses went out to meet his father in law, and did obeisance, and kissed him: and they asked each other of their welfare, and they came into the tent.

8 And Moses told his father in law all that the LORD had done unto Pharaoh, and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, and all the travell that had come upon them by the way, and how the LORD delivered them.

9 And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel: whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.

10 And Jethro said, blessed be the LORD, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

11 Now I know that the LORD is greater: then all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly, he was above them.

12 And Jethro, Moses father in law, took a burnt-offering and sacrifices for God: and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses father in law before God.

13 ¶ And it came to passe on the morning, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses, from the morning unto the evening.

14 And when Moses father in law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou thy self alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto even?

15 And Moses said unto his father in law, Because the people come unto me to enquire of God.

16 When they have a matter, they come unto me, and I judge between one and another, and I do make them know the statutes of God and his laws.

17 And Moses father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest is not good.

18 Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thy self alone.

19 Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: be thou for 7 people to God-ward, y thou mayest bring the causes unto God:

20 And thou shalt reach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.

21 Moreover, thou shalt provide out of all the people, able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

22 And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thy self, and they shall bear the burden with thee.

23 If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.

24 So Moses hearkened to γ voice of his father in law, & did all that he had said.

25 And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, & made them heads over the people; rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

26 And they judged the people at all seasons: the hard causes they brought unto Moses; but every small matter they judged themselves.

27 ¶ And Moses let his father in law depart, & he went his way into his own land.

CHAP. XIX.

1 The people come to Sinai. 3 Gods message to the people out of the mount.

8 Their answer returned.

IN the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai.

2 For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount.

3 And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mount, saying, Thus shalt thou say to γ house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;

24 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles wings, and brought you unto my self.

5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all γ earth is mine.

6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

7 ¶ And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him.

8 And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken, we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD.

10 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes;

11 And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the light of all the people upon mount Sinai.

12 And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to your selves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: who-soever toucheth the mount, shall be surely put to death.

13 There shall not a hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.

14 ¶ And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people, and they washed their clothes.

15 And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day; come not as your wives,

16 And it came to passe on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount; and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp, trembled.

17 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the nether part of the mount.

18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.

19 And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice.

20 And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses up to the top of the mount, and Moses went up.

21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish.

22 And let the priests also which come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them.

23 And Moses said unto the LORD, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it.

24 And the LORD said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up; thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through, to come up unto the LORD, lest he break forth upon them.

25 So Moses went down unto the people, and spake unto them.

CHAP. XX.

1 The ten commandments. 22 Idolatry forbidden. 24 Of what sort the altar should be.

AND God spake all these words, saying, 2 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

5 Thou shalt not bow down thy self to them; nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.

6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8 Remember the sabbath-day, to keep it holy.

9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work.

10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-

maid-servant, nor thy cattel, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates.

11 For in six dayes the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is; and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath-day, and hallowed it.

12 ¶ Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy dayes may be long upon the land: & the Lord thy God giveth thee.

13 Thou shalt not kill.

14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou shalt not steal.

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbours house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbours wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbours.

18 ¶ And all the people saw the thundrings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off.

19 And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.

20 And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

21 And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.

22 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.

23 Ye shall not make with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold.

24 ¶ An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt-offerings, and thy peace-offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: In all places where I record my name, I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee.

25 And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it.

26 Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon.

CHAPTER. XXI.

1 Laws for men-servants, 7 for women-servants, 12 for man-slaughter, 17 For cursers of parents, &c.

NOW these are the judgements which thou shalt set before them.

2 If thou buy an Hebrew servant; six years he shall serve, and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing.

3 If he came in by himself, he shall go out by himself; if he were married, then his wife shall go out with him.

4 If his master have given him a wife, and she have born him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her masters, and he shall go out by himself.

5 And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children, I will not go out free;

6 Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the acce-post: and his ma-

ster shall bore his ear through with an awl, and he shall serve him for ever.

7 And if a man sell his daughter to be a maid-servant, she shall not go out as the men-servants do.

8 If she please not her master, who hath betrothed her to himself, then shall he let her be redeemed: to sell her unto a strange nation he shall have no power, seeing he hath dealt deceitfully with her.

9 And if he have betrothed her unto his son, he shall deal with her after the manner of daughters.

10 If he take him another wife; her food, her raiment, and her duty of marriage shall be not diminished.

11 And if he do not these three unto her, then shall she go out free without money.

12 ¶ He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death.

13 And if a man lie not in wait, but God deliver him into his hand; then I will appoint thee a place whither he shall flee.

14 But if a man come presumptuously upon his neighbour, to slay him & guile; thou shalt take him from mine altar, that he may die.

15 ¶ And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death.

16 ¶ And he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.

17 ¶ And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death.

18 ¶ And if men strive together, and one smite another with a stone, or with his fist, and he die not, but keepeth his bed:

19 If he rise again, and walk abroad upon his staff, then shall he that smote him, be quit: ovenly he shall pay for the losse of his time, and shall cause him to be thoroughly healed.

20 ¶ And if a man smite his servant, or his maid with a rod, and he die under his hand; he shall be surely punished:

21 Notwithstanding, if he continue a day or two, he shall not be punished: for he is his money.

22 ¶ If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the women's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine.

23 And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life,

24 Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

25 Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

26 ¶ And if a man smite the eye of his servant, or the eye of his maid, that it perish; he shall let him go free for his eyes sake.

27 And if he smite out his man-servants tooth, or his maid-servants tooth; he shall let him go free for his tooth's sake.

28 ¶ If an ox gore a man or a woman, that they die; then the ox shall be surely stoned, and his flesh shall not be eaten: but the owner of the ox shall be quit.

29 But if the ox were wont to push with his horn in time past, and it hath been testified to his owner, and he hath not kept him in, but that he hath killed a man or a woman; the ox shall be stoned,

stoned, and his owner also shall be put to death.

30 If there be laid on him a sum of money, then he shall give for the ransom of his life, whatsoever is laid upon him.

31 whether he have goared a man, or have goared a daughter, according to this judgement shall it be done unto him.

32 If the ox shall push a man-servant, or maid-servant; he shall give unto their master thirty shekels, and the ox shall be stoned.

33 ¶ And if a man shall open a pit, or if a man shall dig a pit, and not cover it, and an ox or an ass fall therein;

34 The owner of the pit shall make it good, and give money unto the owner of them, and the dead beast shall be his.

35 ¶ And if one mans ox hurt anothers that he die, then they shall sell the live ox, and divide the money of it, and the dead ox also they shall divide.

36 Or if it be known that the ox hath used to push in time past, and his owner hath not kept him in; he shall surely pay ox for ox, and the dead shall be his own.

CHAP. XLII.

1 Of theft. 5 Of damage. 7 Of trespass. 14 Of fornication. 16 Of fornication. 18 Of witchcraft.

If a man shall steal an ox or a sheep, and kill it, or sell it; he shall restore five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep.

2 ¶ If a thief be found breaking up, and be smitten that he die, there shall no blood be shed for him.

3 If the sun be risen upon him, there shall blood be shed for him: for he should make full restitution: if he have nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft.

4 If the theft be certainly found in his hand alive, whether it be ox or ass, or sheep; he shall restore double.

5 ¶ If a man shall cause a field or vineyard to be eaten, and shall put in his beast, and shall feed in another mans field: of the best of his own field, and of the best of his own vineyard shall he make restitution.

6 ¶ If fire break out, and catch in thorns, so that the stacks of corn, or the standing corn, or the field be consumed therewith; he that kindled the fire, shall surely make restitution.

7 ¶ If a man shall deliver unto his neighbour money or stuff to keep, and it be stolen out of the mans house; if the thief be found, let him pay double.

8 If the thief be not found, then the master of the house shall be brought unto the judges, to see whether he have put his hand unto his neighbours goods.

9 For all manner of trespass, whether it be for ox, for ass, for sheep, for raiment, or for any manner of lost thing, which another challengeth to be his: the cause of both parties shall come before the judges, and whom the judges shall condemn, he shall pay double unto his neighbour.

10 If a man deliver unto his neighbour an ass, or an ox, or a sheep, or any beast to keep; and it die, or be hurt, or driven away, no man seeing it:

11 Then shall an oath of the LORD be between them both, that he hath not put his hand unto his neighbours goods;

and the owner of it shall accept thereof, and he shall not make it good.

12 And if it be stolen from him, he shall make restitution unto the owner thereof.

13 If it be torn in pieces; then let him bring it for witness, and he shall not make good that which was torn.

14 ¶ And if a man borrow ought of his neighbour, and it be hurt, or die, the owner thereof being nor with it; he shall surely make it good.

15 But if the owner thereof be with it, he shall not make it good: if it be an hired thing, it came for his hire.

16 ¶ And if a man entice a maid that is not betrothed, and lie with her, he shall surely endow her to be his wife.

17 If her father utterly refuse to give her unto him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of virgins.

18 ¶ Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.

19 ¶ Whosoever lieth with a beast, shall surely be put to death.

20 ¶ He that sacrificeth unto any god, save unto the LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed.

21 ¶ Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

22 ¶ Ye shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child.

23 If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry:

24 And my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.

25 ¶ If thou lend money to any of my people that is poor by thee, thou shalt not be to him as an usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon him usurie.

26 If thou at all take thy neighbours raiment to pledge, thou shalt deliver it unto him by that the sun goeth down.

27 For that is his covering only, it is his raiment for his skin: wherein shall he sleep? and it shall come to passe, when he cryeth unto me, that I will hear: for I am gracious.

28 ¶ Thou shalt not revile the gods, nor curse the ruler of thy people.

29 ¶ Thou shalt not delay to offer the first of thy ripe fruits and of thy liquors: the first-born of thy sons shalt thou give unto me.

30 Likewise shalt thou do with thine oxen, and with thy sheep: seven dayes it shall be with his dam, on the eighth day thou shalt give it me.

31 ¶ And ye shall be holy men unto me: neither shall ye eat any flesh that is torn of beasts in the field: ye shall call it to the dogs.

CHAP. XLIII.

1 Of slander and false witness. 12 Of the sabbath. 13 Of idolatry. 20 A blessing promised to the obedient.

Thou shalt not raise a false report, put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

2 ¶ Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil, neither shalt thou speak in a cause, to decline after many, to wrest judgement.

3 ¶ Neither shalt thou countenance a poor man in his cause.

4 ¶ If thou meet thine enemies ox or his ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again.

5 ¶ If thou see the ass of him that hateth thee, lying under his burden, and wouldest forbear to help him; thou shalt surely help with him.

6 Thou shalt not wrest the judgement of thy poor in his cause.

7 Keep thee far from a false matter: and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked.

8 ¶ And thou shalt take no gift: for the gift blindeth the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous.

9 ¶ Also thou shalt not oppress a stranger: for ye know the heart of a stranger, seeing ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

10 And six years thou shalt sow thy land, and shalt gather in the fruits thereof:

11 But the seventh year thou shalt let it rest, and lie still, that the poor of thy people may eat: and what they leave, the beasts of the field shall eat. In like manner thou shalt deal with thy vineyard, and with thy olive-yard.

12 Six days thou shalt do thy work: and on the seventh day thou shalt rest: that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger may be refreshed.

13 And in all things that I have said unto you, be circumspect: and make no mention of the names of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.

14 ¶ Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year.

15 Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee in the time appointed of the month Abib: for in it thou canest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:

16 And the feast of harvest, the first-fruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.

17 Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the LORD God.

18 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread, neither shall the fat of my sacrifice remain until the morning.

19 The first of the first-fruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not see the skid in his mothers milk.

20 ¶ Behold, I send an Angel before thee to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into y place which I have prepared.

21 Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not: for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him.

22 But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries.

23 For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, & the Hittites, and the Perizzites,

and the Canaanites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.

24 Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works: but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images.

25 And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water: and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.

26 ¶ There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfill.

27 I will send my fear before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee.

28 And I will send horns before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite from before thee.

29 I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee.

30 By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land.

31 And I will set thy bounds from the Red sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee.

32 Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods.

33 They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against me: for if thou serve their gods, it will surely be a snare unto thee.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 Moses is called up into the mountain,

2 The people promise obedience. 9 The glory of God appears.

AND he said unto Moses, Come up unto the LORD, thou and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: and worship ye afar off.

2 And Moses alone shall come near the LORD: but they shall not come nigh, neither shall the people go up with him.

3 ¶ And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgements: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words, which the LORD hath said, will we do.

4 And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

5 And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt-offerings, and sacrificed peace-offerings of oxen unto the LORD.

6 And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basons, and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

7 And he took the book of the covenant, & read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said, will we do, and be obedient.

8 And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

The glories of God appeareth. Chap. xxv. The ark, table, candlestick.

9 ¶ Then went up Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel.

10 And they saw the God of Israel: and ~~there was~~ under his feet, as it were a paved work of a sapphire-stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.

11 And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand; also they saw God, and did eat and drink.

12 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

13 And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God.

14 And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and behold, Aaron and Hur are with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them.

15 And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount.

16 And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six dayes: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

17 And the sight of the glory of the LORD was like devouring fire on the top of the mount, in the eyes of the children of Israel.

18 And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty dayes, and forty nights.

CHAP. XXV.

1 The offering for the tabernacle. 10 The form of the ark. 17 The mercy-seat. 23 The table, 31 and candlestick.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart, ye shall take my offering.

3 And this is the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brasse,

4 And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and finelinen, and goats hair,

5 And rams skins dyed red, and badgers skins, and shittim-wood,

6 Oil for the light, spices for anointing oyl and for sweet incense,

7 Onyx-stones, and stones to be set in the ephod and in the breast-plate.

8 And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell amongst them.

9 According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.

10 ¶ And they shall make an ark of shittim-wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

11 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it: and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about.

12 And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in the four

corners thereof; and two rings shall be in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it.

13 And thou shalt make slaves of shittim-wood, and overlay them with gold.

14 And thou shalt put the slaves into the rings, by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be born with them.

15 The slaves shall be in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it.

16 And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee.

17 And thou shalt make a mercy-seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

18 And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold: of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy-seat.

19 And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end; even of the mercy-seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof.

20 And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy-seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another: toward the mercy-seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.

21 And thou shalt put the mercy-seat above upon the ark, and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony which I shall give thee.

22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee, from above the mercy-seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

23 ¶ Thou shalt also make a table of shittim-wood: two cubits shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

24 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, and make thereto a crown of gold round about.

25 And thou shalt make unto it a border of an hand-breadth round about, and thou shalt make a golden crown to the border thereof round about.

26 And thou shalt make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners that are on the four feet thereof.

27 Over against the border shall the rings be for places of y slaves to bear the table.

28 And thou shalt make the slaves of shittim-wood, & overlay them with gold, that the table may be born with them.

29 And thou shalt make the dishes thereof, and spoons thereof, and covers thereof, & bowls thereof, to cover withal: of pure gold shalt thou make them.

30 And thou shalt set upon the table, shew-bread before me alway.

31 ¶ And thou shalt make a candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers shall be of the same.

32 And six branches shall come out of the sides of it: three branches of y candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side.

33 Three bowls made like unto almonds, with a knop and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made like al-

The curtains of the tabernacle: Exodus. The boards, and bars thereof.

monds in the other branch, with a knop and a flower: so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick.

34 And in the candlestick shall be four bowls made like unto almonds, with their knops and their flowers.

35 And there shall be a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceed out of the candlestick.

36 Their knops and their branches shall be of the same: all it shall be one beaten work of pure gold.

37 And thou shalt make the seven lamps thereof: and they shall light the lamps thereof, that they may give light over against it.

38 And the tongs thereof, and the snuff-dishes thereof, shall be of pure gold.

39 Of a talent of pure gold shall he make it, with all these vessels.

40 And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 The ten curtains of the tabernacle.

2 The vail for the ark.

Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them.

3 The length of one curtain shall be eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain, four cubits: and every one of the curtains shall have one measure.

4 The five curtains shall be coupled together one to another: and other five curtains shall be coupled one to another.

5 And thou shalt make loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain, from the selvege in the coupling; and likewise shalt thou make in the uttermost edge of another curtain, in the coupling of the second.

6 Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that is in the coupling of the second, that the loops may take hold one of another.

7 And thou shalt make fifty raches of gold, and couple the curtains together with the raches: and it shall be one tabernacle.

8 ¶ And thou shalt make curtains of goats hair to be a covering upon the tabernacle: eleven curtains shalt thou make.

9 The length of one curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain, four cubits: and the eleven curtains shall be all of one measure.

10 And thou shalt couple five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves, and shalt double the sixth curtain in the forefront of the tabernacle.

11 And thou shalt make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain that is outmost in the coupling, and fifty loops in the edge of the curtain which coupleth the second.

12 And thou shalt make fifty raches of brass, and put the raches into the loops, and couple the tent together that it may be one.

13 And the remnant that remaineth of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remaineth, shall hang over the backside of the tabernacle.

14 And a cubit on the one side, and a cubit on the other side of that which remaineth in the length of the curtains of the tent, it shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle, on this side, and on that side, to cover it.

15 And thou shalt make a covering for the tent, of rams skins died red, and a covering above of badgers skins.

16 ¶ And thou shalt make boards for the tabernacle, of shittim-wood, standing up.

17 Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and a cubit and a half shall be the breadth of one board.

18 Two tenons shall there be in one board, set in order one against another: thus shalt thou make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

19 And thou shalt make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards on the south-side, south-ward.

20 And thou shalt make forty sockets of silver, under the twenty boards: two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons.

21 And for the second side of the tabernacle on the north-side, they shall be twenty boards.

22 And their forty sockets of silver: two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

23 And for the sides of the tabernacle west-ward, thou shalt make six boards.

24 And two boards shalt thou make for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides.

25 And they shall be coupled together beneath, and they shall be coupled together above the head of it unto one ring: thus shall it be for them both; they shall be for the two corners.

26 ¶ And they shall be eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets: two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

27 ¶ And thou shalt make bars of shittim-wood: five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle,

28 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle for the two sides west-ward.

29 And the middle bar in the midst of the boards shall reach from end to end.

30 And thou shalt overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold for places for the bars: and thou shalt overlay the bars with gold.

31 And thou shalt rear up the tabernacle according to the fashion thereof, which was shewed thee in the mount.

32 ¶ And thou shalt make a vail of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubims shall it be made.

33 And thou shalt hang it upon four pillars of shittim-wood, overlaid with gold: their hooks shall be of gold, upon the four sockets of silver.

34 ¶ And thou shalt hang up the vail under the raches, that thou mayest bring in

in thither within the vail, the ark of the testimony; and the vail shall divide unto you, between the holy place and the most holy.

34 And thou shalt put the mercy-seat upon the ark of the testimony, in the most holy place.

35 And thou shalt set the table without the vail, and the candlestick over against the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south: and thou shalt put the table on the north-side.

36 And thou shalt make an hanging for the door of the tent, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needle-work.

37 And thou shalt make for the hanging, five pillars of shittim-wood, and overlay them with gold, and their hooks shall be of gold: and thou shalt call five sockets of brass for them.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 The altar of burnt-offering, with the vessels. 9 The court of the tabernacle.

20 The oil for the lamp.

AND thou shalt make an altar of shittim-wood, five cubits long, and five cubits broad: the altar shall be four-square, and the height thereof shall be three cubits.

2 And thou shalt make the horns of it upon the four corners thereof: his horns shall be of the same: and thou shalt overlay it with brass.

3 And thou shalt make his pans to receive his ashes, and his shovels, and his basins, and his flesh-hooks, and his fire-pans; all the vessels thereof thou shalt make of brass.

4 And thou shalt make for it a grate of net-work of brass; and upon the net thou shalt make four brazen rings in the four corners thereof.

5 And thou shalt put it under the compass of the altar beneath, that the net may beeven to the midst of the altar.

6 And thou shalt make staves for the altar, staves of shittim-wood, and overlay them with brass.

7 And the staves shall be put into the rings, and the staves shall be upon the two sides of the altar to bear it.

8 Hollow with boards shalt thou make it: as it was shewed thee in the mount, so shalt thou make it.

9 ¶ And thou shalt make the court of the tabernacle for the south side, southward: there shall be hangings of the court of fine twined linen of an hundred cubits long, for one side.

10 And the twenty pillars thereof, and their twenty sockets shall be of brass: the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets shall be of silver.

11 And likewise for the north side in length, there shall be hangings of an hundred cubits long, and his twenty pillars, and their twenty sockets of brass: the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets of silver.

12 ¶ And for the breadth of the court, on the west side, shall be hangings of fifty cubits: their pillars ten, and their sockets ten.

13 And the breadth of the court on the east side, eastward, shall be fifty cubits.

14 The hangings of one side of the gate shall be fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three.

15 And on the other side shall be hangings, fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three.

16 ¶ And for the gate of the court, shall be an hanging of twenty cubits, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needle-work: and their pillars shall be four, and their sockets four.

17 All the pillars round about the court shall be filleted with silver: their hooks shall be of silver, & their sockets of brass.

18 ¶ The length of the court shall be an hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty every where, and the height five cubits of fine twined linen, and their sockets of brass.

19 All the vessels of the tabernacle in all the service thereof, and all the pins thereof, and all the pins of the court shall be of brass.

20 ¶ And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring thee pure oil-olive beaten, for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always.

21 In the tabernacle of the congregation without the vail, which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before the LORD: it shall be a statute for ever unto their generations, on the behalf of the children of Israel.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 Aaron and his sons are separated for the priests office. 6 The ephod. 20 The Urim and Thummim.

AND take thou unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priests office, even Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons.

2 And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, for glory & for beauty.

3 And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise-hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aarons garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priests office.

4 And these are the garments which they shall make; a breast-plate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a broidered coat, a mitre, and a girdle: and they shall make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, and his sons, that he may minister unto me in the priests office.

5 And they shall take gold, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen.

6 ¶ And they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue and of purple, and scarlet & fine twined linen, with cunning work.

7 It shall have the two shoulder-pieces thereof joyned at the two edges thereof; and so it shall be joyned together.

8 And the curious girdle of the ephod which is upon it, shall be of the same, according to the work thereof; even of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

9 And thou shalt take two onyx-stones, and grave on them the names of the children of Israel.

10 Six of their names on one stone, and the other six names of the rest on

the other stones according to their birth.

11 With the work of an engraver in stone, like the engravings of a signet, shalt thou engrave the two stones, with the names of the children of Israel; thou shalt make them to be set in ouches of gold.

12 And thou shalt put the two stones upon the shoulders of the ephod, for stones of memoriall unto the children of Israel. And Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD, upon his two shoulders for a memoriall.

13 ¶ And thou shalt make ouches of gold; 14 And two chains of pure gold at the ends: of wreathen work shalt thou make them, and fasten the wreathen chains to the ouches.

15 ¶ And thou shalt make the breast-plate of judgement, with cunning work after the work of the ephod thou shalt make it; of gold, of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine twined linen shalt thou make it.

16 Four-square it shall be being doubled; a span shall be the length thereof, and a span shall be the breadth thereof.

17 And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, even four rows of stones: the first row shall be a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this shall be the first row.

18 And the second row shall be an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.

19 And the third row a figure, an agate, and an amethyst.

20 And the fourth row, a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be set in gold in their inclosings.

21 And the stones shall be with the names of 7 children of Israel, twelve, according to their names; like the engravings of a signet, every one with his name shall they be according to 7 twelve tribes.

22 ¶ And thou shalt make upon the breast-plate chains at the ends, of wreathen work, of pure gold.

23 And thou shalt make upon the breast-plate two rings of gold, and shalt put the two rings on the two ends of the breast-plate.

24 And thou shalt put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings which are on the ends of the breast-plate.

25 And the other two ends of the two wreathen chains, thou shalt fasten in the two ouches, and put them on the shoulders-pieces of the ephod before it.

26 ¶ And thou shalt make two rings of gold, and thou shalt put them upon the two ends of the breast-plate, in the border thereof, which is in the side of the ephod inward.

27 And two other rings of gold thou shalt make, and shalt put them on the two sides of the ephod, underneath towards the fore-part thereof, over against the other coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of the ephod.

28 And they shall binde the breast-plate by the rings thereof, unto the rings of the ephod, with a lace of blue, that it may be above the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breast-plate be not loosed from the ephod.

29 And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breast-plate of judgement, upon his heart, when he

goeth in unto the holy place, for a memoriall before the LORD continually.

30 ¶ And thou shalt put in the breast-plate of judgement the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goeth in before the LORD; and Aaron shall bear the judgement of the children of Israel upon his heart, before the LORD continually.

31 ¶ And thou shalt make the robe of the ephod all of blue.

32 And there shall be a hole in the top of it, in the midst thereof: it shall have a binding of woven work, round about the hole of it, as it were the hole of an habergeon, that it be not rent.

33 ¶ And beneath upon the hem of it thou shalt make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet round about the hem thereof; and bells of gold between them round about.

34 A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about.

35 And it shall be upon Aaron, to minister; and his sound shall be heard when he goeth in unto the holy place before the LORD, and when he cometh out; that he die not.

36 ¶ And thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

37 And thou shalt put it on a blue lace, that it may be upon the mitre, upon the forefront of the mitre: it shall be.

38 And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts: and it shall be alwayes upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.

39 ¶ And thou shalt embroider the coat of fine linen, and thou shalt make the mitre of fine linen, and thou shalt make the girdle of needle-work.

40 ¶ And for Aaron's sons thou shalt make coats, and thou shalt make for them girdles, and bonnets shalt thou make for them, for glory and for beauty.

41 And thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him: and shalt anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctifie them, that they may minister unto me in the priests office.

42 And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover their nakedness: from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach.

43 And they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they come in unto the tabernacle of the congregation, or when they come near unto the altar to minister in the holy place; that they bear not iniquity, and die. It shall be a statute for ever unto him, and his seed after him.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 The sacrifices and ceremonies of consecrating the priests. 38 The continual burnt-offering.

And this is the thing that thou shalt do unto them to hallow them, to minister unto me in the priests office: Take one young bullock, and two rams without blemish,

2 And unleavened bread, and cakes un-

leavened tempered with oil, and wafers unleavened anointed with oil: of wheaten flour shalt thou make them.

3 And thou shalt put them into one basket, and bring them in the basket, with the bullock and the two rams.

4 And Aaron and his sons thou shalt bring unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shalt wash them with water.

5 And thou shalt take the garments, and put upon Aaron the coat, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breast-plate, and gird him with the curious girdle of the ephod.

6 And thou shalt put the mitre upon his head, and put the holy crown upon the mitre.

7 Then shalt thou take the anointing oyl, and pour it upon his head, and anoint him.

8 And thou shalt bring his sons, and put coats upon them.

9 And thou shalt gird them with girdles (Aaron and his sons) and put the bonnets on them: and the priests office shall be theirs for a perpetual statute: and thou shalt consecrate Aaron and his sons.

10 And thou shalt cause a bullock to be brought before the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the bullock.

11 And thou shalt kill the bullock before the L O R D, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

12 And thou shalt take of the blood of the bullock, and put it upon the horns of the altar with thy finger, and pour all the blood beside the bottom of the altar.

13 And thou shalt take all the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul *that is above the liver*, and the two kidneys, and the fat that *is upon them*, and burn *them* upon the altar.

14 But the flesh of the bullock, and his skin, and his dung shalt thou burn with fire without the camp: *it is a sin-offering.*

15 ¶ Thou shalt also take one ram, and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram.

16 And thou shalt slay the ram, and thou shalt take his blood, and sprinkle it round about upon the altar.

17 And thou shalt cut the ram in pieces, and wash the inwards of him, and his legs, and put *them* unto his pieces, and unto his head.

18 And thou shalt burn the whole ram upon the altar: *it is a burnt-offering unto the L O R D: it is a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the L O R D.*

19 ¶ And thou shalt take the other ram, and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram.

20 Then shalt thou kill the ram, and take of his blood, and put it upon the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood upon *a* altar round about.

21 And thou shalt take of the blood that *is upon the altar*, and of the anointing oyl, and sprinkle it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, *upon the garments of his sons*

with him: and he shall be hallowed, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons garments with him.

22 Also thou shalt take of the ram the fat and the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul *above the liver*, and the two kidneys, and the fat that *is upon them*, and the right shoulder: for it *is a ram of consecration*:

23 And one loaf of bread, and one cake of oyled bread, and one wafer out of the basket of the unleavened bread, that *is before the L O R D.*

24 And thou shalt put all in the hands of Aaron, and in the hands of his sons: and shalt wave them *for a wave-offering before the L O R D.*

25 And thou shalt receive them of their hands, and burn *them upon the altar* for a burnt-offering, for a sweet savour before the L O R D: *it is an offering made by fire unto the L O R D.*

26 And thou shalt take the breast of the ram of Aarons consecrations, and wave it for a wave-offering before the L O R D; and it shall be thy part.

27 And thou shalt sanctify the breast of the wave-offering, and the shoulder of the heave-offering, which is waved, and which is heaved up of *7* rams of the consecration, *even of that which is for Aaron, and of that which is for his sons.*

28 And it shall be Aarons and his sons by a statute for ever, from the children of Israel: for it *is an heave-offering*; and it shall be an heave-offering from the children of Israel of the sacrifice of their peace-offerings, *even their heave-offering unto the L O R D.*

29 ¶ And the holy garments of Aaron shall be his sons after him, to be anointed therein, and to be consecrated in them.

30 And that son that is priest in his stead shall put them on seven dayes, when he cometh into the tabernacle of the congregation to minister in the holy place.

31 ¶ And thou shalt take the ram of the consecration, and seerh his flesh in the holy place.

32 And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that *is in the basket*, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

33 And they shall eat those things, wherewith the anointment was made, to consecrate and to sanctify them: but a stranger shall not eat thereof, because they are holy.

34 And if ought of the flesh of the consecrations, or of the bread remain unto the morning: then thou shalt burn the remainder with fire: it shall not be eaten, because it *is holy.*

35 And thus shalt thou do unto Aaron, and to his sons, according to all things which I have commanded thee: seven dayes shalt thou consecrate them.

36 And thou shalt offer every day a bullock for a sin-offering, for atonement: and thou shalt cleanse the altar, when thou hast made an atonement for it, and thou shalt anoint it to sanctify it.

37 Seven dayes thou shalt make an atonement for the altar, and sanctify it: and it shall be an altar most holy: what-
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soever toucheth the altar shall be holy.

38 ¶ Now this is that which thou shalt offer upon the altar; two lambs of the first year, day by day continually.

39 The one lamb thou shalt offer in the morning: and the other lamb thou shalt offer at even.

40 And with the one lamb a tenth-deal of flour mingled with the fourth part of an hin of beaten oil: and the fourth part of an hin of wine for a drink-offering.

41 And the other lamb thou shalt offer at even, and shalt do thereto according to the meat-offering of the morning, and according to the drink-offering thereof, for a sweet savour, and offering made by fire unto the LORD.

42 *This shall be a continual burnt-offering throughout your generations, as the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, before the LORD; where I will meet you, to speak there unto thee.*

43 And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by my glory.

44 And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will sanctify also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priests office.

45 ¶ And I will dwell amongst the children of Israel, and will be their God.

46 And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell amongst them: I am the LORD their God.

CHAP. XXX.

1 *The altar of incense.* 11 *The ransom of souls.* 22 *The holy anointing oyl.* 34 *The composition of perfume.*

And thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon: of shittim-wood shalt thou make it.

2 A cubit shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof (four-square shall it be) and two cubits shall be the height thereof: the horns thereof shall be of the same.

3 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, the top thereof, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns thereof; and thou shalt make unto it a crown of gold round about.

4 And two golden rings shalt thou make to it under the crown of it, by the two corners thereof, upon the two sides of it shalt thou make it; and they shall be for places for the staves to bear it withall.

5 And thou shalt make the staves of shittim-wood, and overlay them with gold.

6 And thou shalt put it before the vail, that is by the ark of the testimony; before the mercy-seat, that is over the testimony, where I will meet with thee.

7 And Aaron shall burn thereon sweet incense every morning: when he dresseth the lamps he shall burn incense upon it.

8 And when Aaron lighteth the lamps at even, he shall burn incense upon it; a perpetual incense before the LORD, throughout your generations.

9 Ye shall offer no strange incense thereon, nor burnt-sacrifice, nor meat-offering, neither shall ye pour drink-offering thereon.

10 And Aaron shall make an atonement

upon the horns of it once in a year, with the blood of the sin-offering of atonements: once in the year shall he make an atonement upon it, throughout your generations: it is most holy unto the LORD.

11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

12 When thou takest the sum of the children of Israel, after their number; then shall they give every man a ransom for his soul unto the LORD, when thou numberest them: that there be no plague amongst them, when thou numberest them.

13 This they shall give, every one that passeth among them that are numbered; half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary (a shekel is twenty gerahs) an half-shekel shall be the offering of the LORD.

14 Every one that passeth among them that are numbered from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering unto the LORD.

15 The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when they give an offering unto the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls.

16 And thou shalt take the atonement-money of the children of Israel, and shalt appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; that it may be a memoriall unto the children of Israel before the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls.

17 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

18 Thou shalt also make a laver of brass, and his foot also of brass, to wash withall, and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein.

19 For Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet therein.

20 When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they comenear to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD.

21 So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not; and it shall be a statute for ever to them, even to him and to his seed throughout their generations.

22 ¶ Moreover the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

23 Take thou also unto thee principall spices, of pure myrrhe five hundred shekels, and of sweet cinnamon half so much, even two hundred and fifty shekels, and of sweet calamus two hundred and fifty shekels,

24 And of cassia five hundred shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, and of oil-olive an hin.

25 And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary; it shall be an holy anointing oil.

26 And thou shalt anoint the tabernacle of the congregation therewith, and the ark of the testimony,

27 And the table and all his vessels, and the candlestick and his vessels, and the altar of incense,

28 And the altar of burnt-offering with all his vessels, and the laver and his foot.

19 And thou shalt sanctifie them, that they may be most holy: whatsoever toucheth them, shall be holy.

30 And thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister unto me in the priests office.

31 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, This shall be an holy anointing oyl unto me, throughout your generations.

32 Upon mans flesh shall it not be poured, neither shall ye make any other like it, after the composition of it: it is holy, and it shall be holy unto you.

33 whosoever compoundeth any like it, or whosoever putteth any of it upon a stranger, shall even be cut off from his people.

34 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Take unto thee sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; these sweet spices with pure frankincense: of each shall there be a like weight.

35 And thou shalt make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary, tempered together, pure and holy.

36 And thou shalt beat some of it very small, and put of it before the testimony in the tabernacle of the congregation, where I will meet with thee: it shall be unto you most holy.

37 And as for the perfume which thou shalt make, you shall not make to yourselves according to y composition thereof: it shall be unto thee holy for y LORD.

38 whosoever shall make like unto that, to smell thereo, shall even be cut off from his people.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 Bezaleel and Aboliab are called for the work of the tabernacle. 12 Of the sabbath. 13 Moses receiveth the tables.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 See, I have called by name, Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship;

4 To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brasse,

5 And in cutting of stones to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.

6 And I, behold, I have given with him, Aboliab the son of Abiamach of the tribe of Dan; and in the hearts of all that are wise-hearted I have put wisdom; that they may make all that I have commanded thee:

7 The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy-seat that is thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle;

8 And the table and his furniture, and the pure candlestick with all his furniture, and the altar of incense:

9 And the altar of burnt-offering with all his furniture, and the laver and his foot;

10 And the clothes of service, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priests office.

11 And the anointing oyl, and sweet in-

cense for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded thee, shall they do.

12 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a signe between me and you, throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD, that doth sanctifie you.

14 Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore: for it is holy unto you: every one that desileth it, shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doth any work therein, y soul shall be cut off from amongst his people.

15 SIX daies may work be done, but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.

16 wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant.

17 It is a signe between me & the children of Israel for ever: for in six daies y LORD made heaven and earth, & on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

18 ¶ And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 The people cause Aaron to make a calf. 19 Moses breaketh the tables. 25 The idolaters slain. 30 Moses prayeth.

And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

2 And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden ear-rings which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me.

3 And all the people brake off the golden ear-rings, which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron.

4 And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

5 And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made proclamation and said, To morrow is a feast to the LORD.

6 And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt-offerings, and brought peace-offerings: and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

7 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down: for thy people which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves.

8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

9 And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people.

10 Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation.

11 And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said; LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt, with great power, and with a mighty hand?

12 Wherefore should the Egyptians speak and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people.

13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of, will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever.

14 And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

15 ¶ And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on one side and on the other were they written.

16 And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God graven upon the tables.

17 And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, There is a noise of war in camp.

18 And he said, It is not the voice of them that shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome: but the noise of them that sing, do I hear.

19 ¶ And it came to passe as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.

20 And he took the calf which they had made, and burned it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strawed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it.

21 And Moses said unto Aaron: what did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought to me a sin upon them?

22 And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest the people that they are set on mischief.

23 For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

24 And I said unto them, whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off: so they gave it me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf.

25 ¶ And when Moses saw that the people were naked (for Aaron had made them naked unto their shame, amongst their enemies)

26 Then Moses stood in the gate of the

camp, and said, who is on the LORDS side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.

27 And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour.

28 And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses; and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men.

29 For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves to day to the LORD, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother, that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day.

30 ¶ And it came to passe on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the LORD; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.

31 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said; Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.

32 Yet now, if thou wilt, forgive their sin; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

33 And the LORD said unto Moses, whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.

34 Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: Behold, mine angel shall go before thee: Nevertheless, in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them.

35 And the LORD plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 The Lord useth to go with the people.

9 The Lord talketh with Moses. 12 His desire to see the glory of God.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Depart, and go up hence, thou and the people which thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I swore unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, Unto thy seed will I give it.

2 And I will send an angel before thee: and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite:

3 Unto a land flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in the midst of thee, for thou art a stiff-necked people: lest I consume thee in the way.

4 ¶ And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned: and no man did put on him his ornaments.

5 For the LORD had said unto Moses, Say unto the children of Israel, Ye are a stiff-necked people; I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and consume thee: therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee.

6 And the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments, by the mount Horeb.

7 And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched

pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp; and called it the tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to passe, *that* every one which sought the L O R D, went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which *was* without the camp.

8 And it came to passe, when Moses went out unto the tabernacle, *that* all y^e people rose up, and stood every man at his tent door, and looked after Moses, untill he was gone into the tabernacle.

9 And it came to passe, as Moses entered into y^e tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and *the* L O R D talked wth Moses.

10 And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle-door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man in his tent door.

11 And the L O R D spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh un^{to} his friend. And he turned again into the camp; but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

12 ¶ And Moses said unto the L O R D, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight.

13 Now therefore, I pray thee, If I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way that I may know thee, that I may finde grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation *is* thy people.

14 And he said, My presence shall go *with thee*, and I will give thee rest.

15 And he said unto him, If thy presence go not *with me*, carry us not up hence.

16 For where in shall it be known here, that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? *Is it* not in that thou goest with us? So shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that *are* upon the face of the earth.

17 And the L O R D said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.

18 And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.

19 And he said, I will make all my goodness passe before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the L O R D before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy unto whom I will shew mercy.

20 And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.

21 And the L O R D said, Behold, *there is* a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock.

22 And it shall come to passe, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock; and will cover thee with my hand, while I passe by.

23 And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back-parts: but my face shall not be seen.

CHAP. XXXIV.

1 The tables are renewed. 5 The name of the L O R D proclaimed. 10 God maketh a covenant with them.

And the L O R D said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto y^e

first: and I will write upon *these* tables the words that were in the first tables which thou brakest.

2 And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thy self there to me, in the top of the mount.

3 And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount: neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount.

4 ¶ And he hewed two tables of stone, like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the L O R D had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone:

5 And the L O R D descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the L O R D.

6 And the L O R D passed by before him, & proclaimed, The L O R D, The L O R D God, mercifull & gracious, long suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and sin: and that will by no means clear the guilty: visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the childrens children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

8 And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped.

9 And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go amongst us (for it *is* a stiff-necked people) and pardon our iniquity, and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance.

10 ¶ And he said, Behold, I make a covenant, before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation: and all the people amongst which thou art, shall see the work of the L O R D: for it *is* a terrible thing that I will do with thee.

11 Observe thou that which I command thee this day: Behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite.

12 Take heed to thy self, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee:

13 but ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves.

14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the L O R D, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous God:

15 Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice;

16 And thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods: and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods.

17 Thou shalt make thee no molten gods.

18 ¶ The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep: seven dayes shalt thou eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee in the time of the month Abib: for in the month Abib thou camest out from Egypt.

19 All that openeth the matrix *is* mine; and

and every firstling among thy cattle, whether ox or sheep, *that is male.*

10 But the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou redeem him not, then shalt thou break his neck. All the first-born of thy fowls thou shalt redeem; and none shall appear before me empty.

21 ¶ Six dayes thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in eareing-time and in harvest thou shalt rest.

22 ¶ And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the first-fruits of wheat-harvest, and the feast of in-gathering at the years end.

23 ¶ Thrice in the year shall all your men-children appear before the Lord GOD, the God of Israel.

24 For I will cast out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders: neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before the Lord thy God, thrice in the year.

25 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven, neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of passover be left unto the morning.

26 The first of the first-fruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not seeth a kid in his mothers milk.

27 And the Lord said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenour of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel.

28 And he was there with the Lord fourty dayes and fourty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water: and he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

29 ¶ And it came to passe when Moses came down from mount Sinai (with the two tables of testimony in Moses hand, when he came down from the mount) that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone, while he talked with him.

30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come nigh him.

31 And Moses called unto them, and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him; and Moses talked with them.

32 And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh; and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him in mount Sinai.

33 And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a vail on his face.

34 But when Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he took the vail off, until he came out. And he came out and spake unto the children of Israel, *that which he was commanded.*

35 And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses face shone: and Moses put the vail upon his face again until he went in to speak with him.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 The sabbath. 4 The free gift for the tabernacle. 20 The readinesse of the people to offer.

And Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together, and said unto them, These are the

words which the Lord hath commanded, that ye should do them.

2 Six dayes shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you a holy day, a sabbath of rest to the Lord: whosoever doth work therein, shall be put to death.

3 Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath-day.

4 ¶ And Moses spake unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the Lord commanded, saying,

5 Take ye from amongst you an offering unto the Lord: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord, gold, and silver, and brasse,

6 And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats hair,

7 And rams-skins dyed red, and badgers skins, and shittim-wood,

8 And oil for the light, and spices for anointing oil and for the sweet incense,

9 And onyx-stones, and stones to be set for the ephod, and for the breast-plate.

10 And every wise-hearted among you, shall come and make all that the Lord hath commanded;

11 The tabernacle, his tent, and his covering, his taches, and his boards, his bars, his pillars, and his sockets;

12 The ark and the staves thereof, with the mercy-seat, & the vail of the coverings;

13 The table and his staves, and all his vessels, and the shew-bread;

14 The candlestick also for the light, and his furniture, and his lamps, with the oil for the light;

15 And the incense-altar, and his staves, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the door at the entering in of the tabernacle;

16 The altar of burnt-offering with his brazen grate, his staves, and all his vessels, the laver and his foot;

17 The hangings of the court, his pillars, and their sockets, and the hanging for the door of the court;

18 The pins of the tabernacle, and the pins of the court, and their cords;

19 The clothes of service, to do service in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons to minister in the priests office.

20 ¶ And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses.

21 And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lords offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments.

22 And they came both men and women, as many as were willing-hearted, and brought bracelets, and ear-rings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered, offered an offering of gold unto the Lord.

23 And every man with whom was found blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats hair, and red skins of rams, and badgers-skins, brought them.

24 Every one that did offer an offering of silver and brasse, brought the Lords offering: and every man with whom was

found shittim-wood for any work of the service, brought it.

25 And all the women that were wise-hearted, did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, both of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen.

26 And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom, spun goats hair.

27 And the rulers brought onyx-stones, and stones to be set; for the ephod, and for the breast-plate:

28 And spice, and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense.

29 The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the LORD, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work, which the LORD had commanded to be made, by the hand of Moses.

30 ¶ And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the LORD hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

31 And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship;

32 And to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

33 And in the cutting of stones to set them, and in carving of wood to make any manner of cunning work.

34 And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he and Aholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan.

35 Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 The offerings are delivered to the workmen. 5 The liberality of the people is restrained.

Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise-hearted man, in whom the LORD put wisdom and understanding, to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the LORD had commanded.

2 And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise-hearted man, in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it.

3 And they received of Moses all the offering which the children of Israel had brought, for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it withall. And they brought yet unto him free-offerings every morning.

4 And all the wise men that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they made.

5 ¶ And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which the LORD commanded to make.

6 And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man

nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary: so the people were restrained from bringing.

7 For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it and too much.

8 ¶ And every wise-hearted man, among them that wrought the work of the tabernacle, made ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet; with cherubims of cunning work made he them.

9 The length of one curtain was twenty and eight cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: the curtains were all of one size.

10 And he coupled the five curtains one unto another: and the other five curtains he coupled one unto another.

11 And he made loops of blue on the edge of one curtain, from the selvedge in the coupling: likewise he made in the uttermost edge of another curtain, in the coupling of the second.

12 Fifty loops made he in one curtain, and fifty loops made he in the edge of the curtain which was in the coupling of the second: the loops held one curtain to another.

13 And he made fifty taches of gold, and coupled the curtains one unto another with the taches. So it became one tabernacle.

14 ¶ And he made curtains of goats hair, for the tent over the tabernacle: eleven curtains he made them.

15 The length of one curtain was thirty cubits, and four cubits was the breadth of one curtain: the eleven curtains were of one size.

16 And he coupled five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves.

17 And he made fifty loops upon the uttermost edge of the curtain in the coupling, and fifty loops made he upon the edge of the curtain, which coupleth the second.

18 And he made fifty taches of brass to couple the tent together, that it might be one.

19 And he made a covering for the tent, of rams skins died red, and a covering of badgers skins above that.

20 ¶ And he made boards for the tabernacle, of shittim-wood, standing up.

21 The length of a board was ten cubits, and the breadth of a board one cubit and a half.

22 One board had two tenons, equally distant one from another: thus did he make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

23 And he made boards for the tabernacle: twenty boards for the south side, southward.

24 And fourty sockets of silver he made under the twenty boards: two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons.

25 And for the other side of the tabernacle which is toward the north-corner, he made twenty boards.

26 And their fourty sockets of silver: two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

27 And for the sides of the tabernacle westward, he made six boards.

28 And two boards made he for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides.

29 And

19 And they were coupled beneath, and coupled together at the head thereof, to one ring: thus he did to both of them in both the corners.

30 And there were eight boards, and their sockets were sixteen sockets of silver, under every board two sockets.

31 ¶ And he made bars of shittim-wood: five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle,

32 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the sides west-ward.

33 And he made the middle bar to shoot through the boards from the one end to the other.

34 And he overlaid the boards with gold, and made their rings of gold to be places for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

35 ¶ And he made a vail of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and finerwined linen: with cherubims made he it of cunning work.

36 And he made thereunto four pillars of shittim-wood, and overlaid them with gold: their hooks were of gold, and he cast for them four sockets of silver.

37 ¶ And he made an hanging for the tabernacle-door, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, of needle-work;

38 And the five pillars of it with their hooks: and he overlaid their chapiters, and their fillers with gold: but their five sockets were of brass.

CHAP. XXXVII.

1 The ark. 6 The mercy-seat with cherubims. 10 The table. 17 The candlestick. 25 The altar of incense.

And Bezaleel made the ark of shittim-wood: two cubits and a half was the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it.

2 And he overlaid it with pure gold within and without, and made a crown of gold to it round about.

3 And he cast for it four rings of gold, so as set by the four corners of it: even two rings upon the one side of it, and two rings upon the other side of it.

4 And he made staves of shittim-wood, and overlaid them with gold.

5 And he put the staves into the rings, by the sides of the ark, to bear the ark.

6 ¶ And he made the mercy-seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half was the length thereof, and one cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

7 And he made two cherubims of gold, beaten out of one piece, made he them, on the two ends of the mercy-seat:

8 One cherub on the end on this side, and another cherub on the other end on that side: out of the mercy-seat made he the cherubims on the two ends thereof.

9 And the cherubims spread out their wings on high, and covered with their wings over the mercy-seat, with their faces one to another, even to the mercy-seatward were the faces of the cherubims.

10 ¶ And he made the table of shittim-wood: two cubits was the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, & a cubit and a half the height thereof.

11 And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made thereunto a crown of gold round about.

12 Also he made thereunto a border of an hand-breadth round about: and made a crown of gold for the border thereof round about.

13 And he cast for it four rings of gold, and put the rings upon the four corners that were in the four feet thereof.

14 Over against the border were the rings, the places of the staves, to bear the table.

15 And he made the staves of shittim-wood, and overlaid them with gold, to bear the table.

16 And he made the vessels which were upon the table, his dishes, and his spoons, and his bowls, and his covers to cover withall, of pure gold.

17 ¶ And he made the candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work made he the candlestick, his shaft and his branch, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers were of the same.

18 And six branches going out of the sides thereof: three branches of the candlestick out of the one side thereof, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side thereof.

19 Three bowls made after the fashion of almonds, in one branch, a knop and a flower; and three bowls made like almonds, in another branch, a knop and a flower: so throughout the six branches, going out of the candlestick.

20 And in the candlestick were four bowls made like almonds, his knops and his flowers.

21 And a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches going out of it.

22 Their knops and their branches were of the same: all of it was one bearen work of pure gold.

23 And he made his seven lamps, & his snuffers, & his snuff-dishes, of pure gold.

24 Of a talent of pure gold made he it, and all the vessels thereof.

25 ¶ And he made the incense-altar of shittim-wood: the length of it was a cubit, & the breadth of it a cubit (it was four square) and two cubits was the height of it; the horns thereof were of the same.

26 And he overlaid it with pure gold, both the top of it, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns of it: also he made unto it a crown of gold round about.

27 And he made two rings of gold for it under the crown thereof, by the two corners of it, upon the two sides thereof, to be places for the staves to bear it withall.

28 And he made the staves of shittim-wood, and overlaid them with gold.

29 ¶ And he made the holy anointing oil, and the pure incense of sweet spices, according to the work of the apothecary.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 The altar of burnt-offering. 3 The laver of brass. 9 The court. 21 The sum of the offerings.

And he made the altar of burnt-offering of shittim-wood: five cubits was the length thereof, and five cubits the breadth

breadth thereof (it was four-square) and three cubits the height thereof.

2 And he made the horns thereof on the four corners of it: the horns thereof were of the same, & he overlaid it with brass.

3 And he made all the vessels of the altar, the pots, and the shovels, and the basins, and the flesh-hooks, & the fire-pans: all the vessels thereof made he of brass.

4 And he made for the altar a brazen grate of net-work, under the compass thereof, beneath unto the midst of it.

5 And he cast four rings for the four ends of the grate of brass, to be places for the staves.

6 And he made the staves of shittim-wood, and overlaid them with brass.

7 And he put the staves into the rings on the sides of the altar, to bear it withal; he made the altar hollow with boards.

8 ¶ And he made the laver of brass, and the foot of it of brass, of the looking-glasses of the women assembling, which assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

9 ¶ And he made the court: on the south-side south-ward, the hangings of the court were of fine twined linen, an hundred cubits.

10 Their pillars were twenty, and their brazen sockets twenty: the hooks of the pillars, and their fillers were of silver.

11 And for the north-side, the hangings were an hundred cubits, their pillars were twenty, and their sockets of brass twenty: the hooks of the pillars, and their fillers, of silver.

12 And for the west-side were hangings of fifty cubits, their pillars ten, and their sockets ten: the hooks of the pillars, and their fillers, of silver.

13 And for the east-side east-ward fifty cubits.

14 The hangings of the one side of the gate were fifteen cubits, their pillars three, and their sockets three.

15 And for the other side of the court-gate, on this hand and that hand, were hangings of fifteen cubits, their pillars three, and their sockets three.

16 All the hangings of the court round about, were of fine twined linen.

17 And the sockets for the pillars were of brass, the hooks of the pillars, and their fillers of silver, and the overlaying of their chapiters of silver, and all the pillars of the court were filleted with silver.

18 And the hanging for the gate of the court was needle-work, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: and twenty cubits was the length, and the height in the breadth was five cubits, answerable to the hangings of the court.

19 And their pillars were four, and their sockets of brass four, their hooks of silver, and the overlaying of their chapiters, and their fillers of silver.

20 And all the pins of the tabernacle, and of the court round about, were of brass.

21 ¶ This is the sum of the tabernacle, even of the tabernacle of testimony, as it was counted, according to the commandment of Moses, for the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, son to Aaron the priest.

22 And Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son

of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD commanded Moses.

23 And with him was Aboliab, son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a cunning workman, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in scarlet, and in fine linen.

24 All the gold that was occupied for the work, in all the work of the holy place, even the gold of the offering, was twenty and nine talents, and seven hundred and thirty shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary.

25 And the silver of them that were numbered of the congregation, was an hundred talents, and a thousand seven hundred and threescore and fifteen shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary.

26 A bekah for every man, that is, half a shekel, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for every one that went to be numbered, from twenty years old and upward, for six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty men.

27 And of the hundred talents of silver, were cast the sockets of the sanctuary, and the sockets of the vail; an hundred sockets of the hundred talents, a talent for a socket.

28 And of the thousand seven hundred seventy and five shekels, he made hooks for the pillars, and overlaid their chapiters, and filleted them.

29 And the brass of the offering was seventy talents, and two thousand and four hundred shekels.

30 And therewith he made the sockets to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the brazen altar, and the brazen grate for it, and all the vessels of the altar.

31 And the sockets of the court round about, and the sockets of the court-gate, and all the pins of the tabernacle, and all the pins of the court round about.

C H A P. XXXIX.

1 The clothes of service, and holy garments. 2 The ephod. 3 The breast-plate. 4 The robe of the ephod.

And of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made clothes of service, to do service in the holy place, and made the holy garments for Aaron; as the LORD commanded Moses.

2 And he made the ephod, of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

3 And they did beat the gold into thin plates, and cut it into wires, to work it in the blue, and in the purple, and in the scarlet, and in the fine linen, with cunning work.

4 They made shoulder-pieces for it, to couple it together; by the two edges was it coupled together.

5 And the curious girdle of his ephod that was upon it, was of the same, according to the work thereof; of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen; as the LORD commanded Moses.

6 ¶ And they wrought onyx-stones inclosed in ounces of gold, graven as figures are graven, with the names of the children of Israel.

7 And he put them on the shoulders of the ephod, that they should be stones for

a memoriall to the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses.

8 ¶ And he made the breast-plate of cunning work, like the work of the ephod; of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

9 It was four-square, they made the breast-plate double: a span was the length thereof, and a span the breadth thereof being doubled.

10 And they set in it four rows of stones: the first row was a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this was the first row.

11 And the second row, an emeraud, a saphir, and a diamond.

12 And the third row, a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst.

13 And the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper: they were inclosed in ouches of gold in their inclosings.

14 And the stones were according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet, every one with his name, according to the twelve tribes.

15 And they made upon the breast-plate chains, at the ends, of wreathen work of pure gold.

16 And they made two ouches of gold, and two gold rings: and put the two rings in the two ends of the breast-plate.

17 And they put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breast-plate.

18 And the two ends of the two wreathen chains they fastened in the two ouches, and put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, before it.

19 And they made two rings of gold, and put them on the two ends of the breast-plate upon the border of it, which was on the side of the ephod inward.

20 And they made two other golden rings, and put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward the fore-part of it, over against the 5th & coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of the ephod.

21 And they did binde the breast-plate by his rings unto the rings of the ephod, with a lace of blue; that it might be above the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breast-plate might not be loosed from the ephod; as the LORD commanded Moses.

22 ¶ And he made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all of blue.

23 And there was a hole in the midst of the robe, as the hole of an habergeon, with a band round about the hole, that it should not rent.

24 And they made upon the hems of the robe, pomegranates of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and twined linen.

25 And they made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates, upon the hem of the robe, round about between the pomegranates.

26 A bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate round about the hem of the robe to minister in; as the LORD commanded Moses.

27 ¶ And they made coats of fine linen, of woven work, for Aaron and for his sons. 28 And a mitre of fine linen, and goodly ornaments of fine linen, and linen breeches of fine twined linen.

29 And a girdle of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, of needle-work; as the LORD commanded Moses.

30 ¶ And they made the plate of the holy crown, of pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, like to the engravings of a signet, HOLINES TO THE LORD.

31 And they tied unto it a lace of blue, to fasten it on high upon the mitre; as the LORD commanded Moses.

32 ¶ Thus was all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation finished; and the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did they.

33 ¶ And they brought the tabernacle unto Moses, the tent, and all his furniture, his tables, his boards, his bars, and his pillars, and his sockets,

34 And the covering of ram-skins died red, and the covering of badgers skins, and the vail of the covering,

35 The ark of the testimony, and the staves thereof, and the mercy-seat,

36 The table, and all the vessels thereof, and the shew-bread,

37 The pure candlestick, with the lamps thereof, even with the lamps to be set in order, and all the vessels thereof, and the oyl for light,

38 And the golden altar, and the anointing oyl, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the tabernacle-door,

39 The brazen altar, and his grate of brass, his staves, and all his vessels, the laver and his foot,

40 The hangings of the court, his pillars, and his sockets, and the hanging for the court-gate, his cords, and his pins, and all the vessels of the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of the congregation,

41 The clothes of service to do service in the holy place, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and his sons garments to minister in the priests office.

42 According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel made all the work.

43 And Moses did look upon all the work, and behold, they had done it as the LORD had commanded, even so had they done it: And Moses blessed them.

CHAP. XL.

1 The tabernacle is commanded to be reared, 9 and anointed. 13 Aaron and his sons to be sanctified.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 On the first day of the first month shalt thou set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation.

3 And thou shalt put therein the ark of the testimony, and cover the ark with the vail.

4 And thou shalt bring in the table, and set in order the things that are to be set in order upon it, and thou shalt bring in the candlestick, and light the lamps thereof.

5 And thou shalt set the altar of gold for the incense before the ark of the testimony, and put the hanging of the door to the tabernacle.

6 And thou shalt set the altar of the burnt-offering, before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation.

7 And thou shalt set the laver between the

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the tent of the congregation and the altar, and shalt put water therein.

8 And thou shalt fet up the court round about, and hang up the hanging at the court-gate.

9 And thou shalt take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle and all that is therein, and shalt hallow it, and all the vessels thereof: and it shall be holy.

10 And thou shalt anoint the altar of the burnt-offering, and all his vessels, and sanctifie the altar: and it shall be an altar most holy.

11 And thou shalt anoint the laver and his foot, and sanctifie it.

12 And thou shalt bring Aaron and his sons unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and wash them with water.

13 And thou shalt put upon Aaron the holy garments, and anoint him, and sanctifie him, that he may minister unto me in the priests office.

14 And thou shalt bring his sons, and clothe them with coats.

15 And thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father, that they may minister unto me in the priests office: for their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood, throughout their generations.

16 Thus did Moses; according to all that the LORD commanded him, so did he.

17 ¶ And it came to passe, in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was reared up.

18 And Moses reared up the tabernacle, and fastened his sockets, and set up the boards thereof, and put in the bars thereof, and reared up his pillars.

19 And he spread abroad the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent above upon it; as the LORD commanded Moses.

20 ¶ And he took and put the testimony into the ark, and set the slaves on the ark, and put the mercy-seat above upon the ark.

21 And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up the vail of the covering, and covered the ark of the testimony; as the LORD commanded Moses.

22 ¶ And he put the table in the tent

of the congregation, upon the side of the tabernacle north-ward, without the vail.

23 And he set the bread in order upon it, before the LORD; as the LORD had commanded Moses.

24 ¶ And he put the candlestick in the tent of the congregation, over against the table, on the side of the tabernacle south-ward.

25 And he lighted the lamps before the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses.

26 ¶ And he put the golden altar in the tent of the congregation, before the vail.

27 And he burnt sweet incense thereon, as the LORD commanded Moses.

28 ¶ And he set up the hanging, at the door of the tabernacle.

29 And he put the altar of burnt-offering by the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation, and offered up on it the burnt-offering, and the meat-offering; as the LORD commanded Moses.

30 ¶ And he set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and put water there, to wash withal.

31 And Moses, and Aaron and his sons, washed their hands and their feet thereat.

32 When they went into the tent of the congregation, and when they came near unto the altar, they washed; as the LORD commanded Moses.

33 And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court-gate: so Moses finished the work.

34 ¶ Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

35 And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

36 And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys:

37 But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not, till the day that it was taken up.

38 For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

THE THIRD BOOK OF MOSES, called LEVITICUS.

CHAP. I.

1 The burnt-offerings, 3 of the herd, 10 of the flock, 14 and of the fowls.

And the LORD called unto Moses, and spake unto him out of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man of you bring an offering unto the LORD, ye shall bring your offering of the carmel, even of the herd, and of the flock.

3 If his offering be a burnt-sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish: he shall offer it of his own voluntary will, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD.

4 And he shall put his hand upon the

head of the burnt-offering: and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him.

5 And he shall kill 7 bullock before the LORD: and the priests Aarons sons shall bring the blood, and sprinkle the blood round about upon the altar, that is by the door of the tabernacle of 7 congregation.

6 And he shall lay the burnt-offering, and cut it into his pieces.

7 And the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire upon the altar, and lay the wood in order upon the fire.

8 And the priests Aarons sons shall lay the parts, the head, and the fat, in order upon the wood that is in the fire which is upon the altar.

9 But the kidneys and his legs shall be wash in water, and the priests shall

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burn all on the altar, *to be a burnt-sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.*

10 ¶ And if his offering *be* of the flocks, *namely* of the sheep, or of the goats, for a burnt-sacrifice, he shall bring it a male without blemish.

11 And he shall kill it on the side of the altar north-ward before the LORD: and the priests Aarons sons shall sprinkle his blood round about upon the altar.

12 And he shall cut it into his pieces, with his head and his far: and the priest shall lay them in order on the wood that *is* on the fire which *is* upon the altar.

13 But he shall wash the inwards and the legs with water: and the priest shall bring *is* all, and burn it upon the altar: it *is* a burnt-sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

14 ¶ And if the burnt-sacrifice for his offering to the LORD *be* of fowls, then he shall bring his offering of turtle-doves, or of young pigeons.

15 And the priest shall bring it unto the altar, and wring off his head, and burn it on the altar: and the blood thereof shall be wrung out at the side of the altar.

16 And he shall pluck away his crop with his feathers, and cast it beside the altar on the east-part, by the place of the ashes.

17 And he shall cleave it, with the wings thereof, *but* shall not divide it asunder: and the priest shall burn it upon the altar, upon the wood that *is* upon the fire: it *is* a burnt-sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

CHAP. II.

1 The meat-offering of flour with oil and incense, 12 of the first-fruits in the ear. 13 The salt of the meat-offering.

AND when any will offer a meat-offering unto the LORD, his offering shall be of fine flour: and he shall pour oil upon it, and put frankincense thereon.

2 And he shall bring it to Aarons sons the priests: and he shall take thereout his handfull of the flour thereof, and of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof, and the priest shall burn the memoriall of it upon the altar, *to be* an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

3 And the remnant of the meat-offering shall be Aarons and his sons: *it is* a thing most holy of the offerings of the LORD made by fire.

4 ¶ And if thou bring an oblation of a meat-offering baken in the oven, *it shall be* an unleavened cake of fine flour mingled with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed with oil.

5 ¶ And if thy oblation be a meat-offering baken in a pan, it shall be of fine flour unleavened, mingled with oil.

6 Thou shalt part it in pieces, and pour oil thereon: *it is* a meat-offering.

7 ¶ And if thy oblation be a meat-offering baken in the frying-pan, it shall be made of fine flour with oil.

8 And thou shalt bring the meat-offering, that is made of these things, unto the LORD: and when it is presented unto the priest, he shall bring it unto the altar.

9 And the priest shall take from the

meat-offering a memoriall thereof, and shall burn it upon the altar: *it is* an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

10 And that which is left of the meat-offering, shall be Aarons and his sons: *it is* a thing most holy, of the offerings of the LORD made by fire.

11 No meat-offering, which ye shall bring unto the LORD, shall be made with leaven: for ye shall burn no leaven, nor any honey, in any offering of the LORD made by fire.

12 ¶ As for the oblation of the first-fruits, ye shall offer them unto the LORD: but they shall not be burnt on the altar for a sweet savour.

13 And every oblation of thy meat-offering shall thou season with salt: neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat-offering: with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt.

14 And if thou offer a meat-offering of thy first-fruits unto the LORD, thou shalt offer for the meat-offering of thy first-fruits, green ears of corn dried by the fire, even corn beaten out of full ears.

15 And thou shalt put oil upon it, and lay frankincense thereon: it *is* a meat-offering.

16 And the priest shall burn the memoriall of it, part of the beaten corn thereof, and part of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof: *it is* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

CHAP. III.

1 The peace-offering of the herd: 6 of the flock, 7 either a lamb, 12 or a goat.

AND if his oblation be a sacrifice of peace-offering: if he offer it of the herd, whether it be a male or female; he shall offer it without blemish before the LORD.

2 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aarons sons the priests shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about.

3 And he shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace-offering, an offering made by fire unto the LORD, the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards.

4 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* on them, which *is* by the flanks: and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.

5 And Aarons sons shall burn it on the altar upon the burnt-sacrifice, which *is* upon the wood that *is* on the fire: *it is* an offering made by fire of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

6 ¶ And if his offering for a sacrifice of peace-offering unto the LORD, be of the flock, male or female, he shall offer it without blemish.

7 If he offer a lamb for his offering, then shall he offer it before the LORD.

8 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aarons sons shall sprinkle the blood thereof round about upon the altar.

9 And he shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace-offering, an offering made by fire unto the LORD: the fat thereof and the whole lump, it shall he take off hard by the back-bone; and the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards.

10 And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.

11 And the priest shall burn it upon the altar: it is the food of the offering made by fire unto the LORD.

12 ¶ And if his offering be a goat, then he shall offer it before the LORD.

13 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of it, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation: and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle the blood thereof upon the altar round about.

14 And he shall offer thereof his offering, even an offering made by fire unto the LORD; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards.

15 And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.

16 And the priest shall burn them upon the altar: it is the food of the offering made by fire, for a sweet savour. All the fat is the LORDS.

17 It shall be a perpetual statute for your generations throughout all your dwellings, ye eat neither fat nor blood.

CHAP. IV.

1 The sin-offering of ignorance, 3 for the priest, 13 the congregation, 22 the ruler, 27 or any of the people.

AND LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD (concerning things which ought not to be done) and shall do against any of them:

3 If the priest that is anointed, do sin according to the sin of the people; then let him bring for his sin which he hath sinned, a young bullock without blemish, unto the LORD for a sin offering.

4 And he shall bring the bullock unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, before the LORD; and shall lay his hand upon the bullocks head, and kill the bullock before the LORD.

5 And the priest that is anointed, shall take of the bullocks blood, and bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation.

6 And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the LORD, before the veil of the sanctuary.

7 And the priest shall put some of the blood upon the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the LORD, which is in the tabernacle of the congregation; and shall pour all the blood of the bullock at the bottom of the altar of the burnt-offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

8 And he shall take off from it all the fat of the bullock for the sin-offering; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards;

9 And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.

10 As it was taken off from the bullock of the sacrifice of peace-offerings; and the priest shall burn them upon the altar of the burnt-offering.

11 And the skin of the bullock, and all his flesh, with his head, and with his legs, and his inwards, and his dung,

12 Even the whole bullock shall he carry forth without the camp, unto a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn him on the wood with fire: where the ashes are poured out, shall he be burnt.

13 ¶ And if the whole congregation of Israel sin through ignorance, and the thing be hid from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done somewhat against any of the commandments of the LORD, concerning things which should not be done, and are guilty:

14 When the sin which they have sinned against it, is known, then the congregation shall offer a young bullock for the sin, and bring him before the tabernacle of the congregation.

15 And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock before the LORD: and the bullock shall be killed before the LORD.

16 And the priest that is anointed, shall bring of the bullocks blood to the tabernacle of the congregation.

17 And the priest shall dip his finger in some of the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before the LORD, even before the veil.

18 And he shall put some of the blood upon the horns of the altar, which is before the LORD, that is in the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall pour out all the blood at the bottom of the altar of the burnt-offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

19 And he shall take all his fat from him, and burn it upon the altar.

20 And he shall do with the bullock as he did with the bullock for a sin-offering, so shall he do with this; and the priest shall make an atonement for them, and it shall be forgiven them.

21 And he shall carry forth the bullock without the camp, and burn him as he burned the first bullock: it is a sin-offering for the congregation.

22 ¶ When a ruler hath sinned and done somewhat through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD his God, concerning things which should not be done, and is guilty:

23 Or if his sin, wherein he hath sinned, come to his knowledge: he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a male without blemish.

24 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the goat, and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt-offering before the LORD: it is a sin-offering.

25 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin-offering with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering, and shall pour out his blood at the bottom of the altar of burnt-offering.

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of fowls, and of flour.

26 And he shall burn all his fat upon the altar, as the fat of the sacrifice of peace-offerings: and the priest shall make an atonement for him as concerning his sin, and it shall be forgiven him.

27 ¶ And if any one of the common people sin through ignorance, while he doth somewhat against any of the commandments of the LORD, concerning things which ought not to be done, and be guilty;

28 Or if his sin, which he hath sinned, come to his knowledge: then he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he hath sinned.

29 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin-offering, and slay the sin-offering in the place of the burnt-offering.

30 And the priest shall take of the blood thereof with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering, and shall pour out all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar.

31 And he shall take away all the fat thereof, as the fat is taken away from off the sacrifice of peace-offerings; and the priest shall burn it upon the altar, for a sweet savour unto the LORD: and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and it shall be forgiven him.

32 And if he bring a lamb for a sin-offering, he shall bring it a female without blemish.

33 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin-offering, and slay it for a sin-offering, in the place where they kill the burnt-offering.

34 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin-offering with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering, and shall pour out all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar.

35 And he shall take away all the fat thereof, as the fat of the lamb is taken away from the sacrifice of the peace-offerings: and the priest shall burn them upon the altar, according to the offerings made by fire unto the LORD: and the priest shall make an atonement for his sin that he hath committed, and it shall be forgiven him.

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3 *Of him that concealeth his touching of unclean things, 4 or making an oath.*

14 *The trespass-offering in sacrilege, 17 and in sins of ignorance.*

AND if a soul sin, and hear the voice of swearing, and is a witness, whether he hath seen or known of it; if he do not utter it, then he shall bear his iniquity.

2 Or if a soul touch any unclean thing, whether it be a carcase of an unclean beast, or a carcase of unclean creeping things, or the carcase of unclean creeping things, and if it be hidden from him, he also shall be unclean, and guilty.

3 Or if he touch the uncleanness of man, whatsoever uncleanness it be that a man shall be defiled withall, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth of it, then he shall be guilty.

4 Or if a soul swear, pronouncing with his lips to do evil, or to do good, whatsoever it be that a man shall pronounce with an oath, and it be hid from him;

when he knoweth of it, then he shall be guilty in one of these.

5 And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these things, that he shall confess that he hath sinned in that thing.

6 And he shall bring his trespass-offering unto the LORD for his sin which he hath sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats, for a sin-offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his sin.

7 And if he be not able to bring a lamb, then he shall bring for his trespass which he hath committed, two turtle-doves or two young pigeons, unto the LORD; one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering.

8 And he shall bring them unto the priest, who shall offer that which is for the sin-offering first, and wring off his head from his neck, but shall not divide it asunder.

9 And he shall sprinkle of the blood of the sin-offering upon the side of the altar; and the rest of the blood shall be wrung out at the bottom of the altar: it is a sin-offering.

10 And he shall offer the second for a burnt-offering, according to the manner; and the priest shall make an atonement for him, for his sin which he hath sinned, and it shall be forgiven him.

11 ¶ But if he be not able to bring two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons; then he that hath sinned, shall bring for his offering the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a sin-offering: he shall put no oyl upon it, neither shall he put any frankincense thereon: for it is a sin-offering.

12 Then shall he bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handfull of it, even a memorial thereof, and burn it on the altar, according to the offerings made by fire unto the LORD: it is a sin-offering.

13 And the priest shall make an atonement for him, as touching his sin that he hath sinned in one of these, and it shall be forgiven him; and the remnant shall be the priests, as a meat-offering.

14 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

15 If a soul commit a trespass, and sin through ignorance, in the holy things of the LORD; then he shall bring for his trespass unto the LORD, a ram without blemish out of the flocks, with thy estimation by shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for a trespass-offering.

16 And he shall make amends for the harm that he hath done in the holy thing, and shall add the fifth part thereto, and give it unto the priest: and the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the trespass-offering, and it shall be forgiven him.

17 ¶ And if a soul sin, and commit any of these things which are forbidden to be done by 9 commandments of the LORD; though he wist it not, yet is he guilty, and shall bear his iniquity.

18 And he shall bring a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation, for a trespass-offering, unto the priest; and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his ignorance wherein

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wherein he erred and wist it not; and it shall be forgiven him.

19 It is a trespass-offering: he hath certainly trespassed against the LORD.

CHAP. VI.

1 The trespass-offering for sins done wittingly. 19 The offering at the consecration of a priest.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 If a soul sin, and commit a trespass against the LORD, and lie unto his neighbour in that which was delivered him to keep, or in fellowship, or in a thing taken away by violence, or hath deceived his neighbour;

3 Or have found that which was lost, and lieth concerning it, and sweareth falsely; in any of all these that a man doeth, sinning therein;

4 Then it shall be, because he hath sinned and is guilty, that he shall restore that which he took violently away, or the thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or that which was delivered him to keep, or the lost thing which he found,

5 Or all that about which he hath sworn falsely; he shall even restore it in the principal, and shall add the fifth part more thereto, and give it unto him to whom it appertaineth, in the day of his trespass-offering.

6 And he shall bring his trespass-offering unto the LORD, a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation, for a trespass-offering, unto the priest.

7 And the priest shall make an atonement for him, before the LORD: and it shall be forgiven him, for any thing of all that he hath done, in trespassing therein.

8 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

9 Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt-offering: (it is the burnt-offering, because of the burning upon the altar all night unto the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be burning in it.)

10 And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen breeches shall he put upon his flesh, and take up the ashes which the fire hath consumed with the burnt-offering on the altar, and he shall put them besides the altar.

11 And he shall put off his garments, and put on other garments, and carry forth the ashes without the camp, unto a clean place.

12 And the fire upon the altar shall be burning in it, it shall not be put out: and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt-offering in order upon it, and he shall burn thereon the fat of the peace-offerings.

13 The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar: it shall never go out.

14 ¶ And this is the law of the meat-offering: the sons of Aaron shall offer it before the LORD, before the altar.

15 And he shall take of it his handfull, of the flour of the meat-offering, and of the oyl thereof, and all the frankincense which is upon the meat-offering, and shall burn it upon the altar, for a sweet savour, even the memoriall of it unto the LORD.

16 And the remainder thereof shall Aaron and his sons eat: with unleavened bread shall it be eaten in the holy place: in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation they shall eat it.

17 It shall not be baked with leaven: I have given it unto them for their portion of my offerings made by fire: it is most holy, as is the sin-offering, and as the trespass-offering.

18 All the males among the children of Aaron shall eat of it: it shall be a statute for ever in your generations concerning the offerings of the LORD made by fire: every one that toucheth them shall be holy.

19 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

20 This is the offering of Aaron, and of his sons, which they shall offer unto the LORD, in the day when he is anointed; the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a meat-offering perpetual, half of it in the morning, and half thereof at night.

21 In a pan it shall be made with oyl, and when it is baked, thou shalt bring it in: and the baked pieces of the meat-offering shalt thou offer for a sweet savour unto the LORD.

22 And the priest of his sons that is anointed in his stead, shall offer it: it is a statute for ever unto the LORD, it shall be wholly burnt.

23 For every meat-offering for the priest shall be wholly burnt: it shall not be eaten.

24 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

25 Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, saying, This is the law of the sin-offering: in the place where the burnt-offering is killed, shall the sin-offering be killed before the LORD: it is most holy.

26 The priest that offereth it for sin, shall eat it: in the holy place shall it be eaten, in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation.

27 Whatsoever shall touch the flesh thereof shall be holy: and when there is sprinkled of the blood thereof upon any garment, thou shalt wash that whereon it was sprinkled, in the holy place.

28 But the earthen vessel wherein it is sodden, shall be broken: and if it be sodden in a brazen pot, it shall be both scoured, and rinsed in water.

29 All the males among the priests shall eat thereof: it is most holy.

30 And no sin-offering whereof any of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of the congregation to reconcile withal in the holy place, shall be eaten: it shall be burnt in the fire.

CHAP. VII.

1 The law of the trespass-offering, 11 and of the peace-offering. 22 The fat, 26 and the blood are forbidden.

Likewise this is the law of the trespass-offering: it is most holy.

2 In the place where they kill the burnt-offering, shall they kill the trespass-offering: and the blood thereof shall he sprinkle round about upon the altar.

3 And he shall offer of it, all the fat thereof: the rump, and the fat that covereth the inward,

4 And the two kidneys, and the fat that

6 on them, which is by the flanks, and the caul that is above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.

7 And the priest shall burn them upon the altar, for an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a trespass-offering.

8 Every male among the priests shall eat thereof: it shall be eaten in the holy place: it is most holy.

9 As the sin-offering is, so is the trespass-offering: there is one law for them: the priest that maketh atonement therewith, shall have it.

10 And the priest that offereth any mans burnt-offering, even the priest shall have to himself the skin of the burnt-offering which he hath offered.

11 And all the meat-offering that is baked in the oven, and all that is dressed in the frying-pan, and in the pan, shall be the priests that offereth it.

12 And every meat-offering mingled with oyl, and dry, shall all the sons of Aaron have, one as much as another.

13 And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace-offerings, which he shall offer unto the LORD.

14 If he offer it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oyl, and unleavened wafers anointed with oyl, and cakes mingled with oyl, of fine flour, fried.

15 Besides the cakes, he shall offer for his offering, leavened bread, with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace-offerings.

16 And of it he shall offer one out of the whole oblation, for an heave-offering unto the LORD, and it shall be the priests that sprinkleth the blood of the peace-offerings.

17 And the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace-offerings for thanksgiving, shall be eaten the same day that it is offered: he shall not leave any of it untill the morning.

18 But if the sacrifice of his offering be a vow, or a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offereth his sacrifice: and on the morrow also the remainder of it shall be eaten.

19 But the remainder of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day, shall be burnt with fire.

20 And if any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace-offerings be eaten at all on the third day, it shall not be accepted, neither shall it be imputed unto him that offereth it: it shall be an abomination, and the soul that eateth of it, shall bear his iniquity.

21 And the flesh that toucheth any unclean thing, shall not be eaten, it shall be burnt with fire: and as for the flesh, all that be clean shall eat thereof.

22 But the soul that eateth of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace-offerings, that pertain unto the LORD, having his uncleanness upon him, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

23 Moreover, the soul that shall touch any unclean thing, as the uncleanness of man, or any unclean beast, or any abominable unclean thing, and eat of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace-offerings which pertain unto the LORD, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

24 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

25 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Ye shall eat no manner of fat, of ox, or of sheep, or of goat.

26 And the fat of the beast that dieth of it self, and the fat of that which is torn with beasts may be used in any other use: but ye shall in no wise eat of it.

27 For whosoever eateth the fat of the beast, of which men offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, even the soul that eateth it, shall be cut off from his people.

28 Moreover, ye shall eat no manner of blood, whether it be of fowl, or of beast, in any of your dwellings.

29 Whosoever soul it be that eateth any manner of blood, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

30 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

31 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, He that offereth the sacrifice of his peace-offerings unto the LORD, shall bring his oblation unto the LORD, of the sacrifice of his peace-offerings.

32 His own hands shall bring the offerings of the LORD made by fire, the fat with the breast, it shall he bring, that the breast may be waved for a wave-offering before the LORD.

33 And the priest shall burn the fat upon the altar: but the breast shall be Aarons and his sons.

34 And the right shoulder shall ye give unto the priest for an heave-offering, of the sacrifices of your peace-offerings.

35 He among the sons of Aaron that offereth the blood of the peace-offerings, and the fat, shall have the right shoulder for his part.

36 For the wave-breast, and the heave-shoulder have I taken of the children of Israel, from off the sacrifices of their peace-offerings, and have given them unto Aaron the priest, and unto his sons, by a statute for ever, from among the children of Israel.

37 ¶ This is the portion of the anointing of Aaron, and of the anointing of his sons, out of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, in the day when he presented them, to minister unto the LORD in the priests office:

38 Which the LORD commanded to be given them of the children of Israel, in the day that he anointed them, by a statute for ever, throughout their generations.

39 This is the law of the burnt-offering, of the meat-offering, and of the sin-offering, and of the trespass-offering, and of the consecrations, and of the sacrifice of the peace-offerings:

40 which the LORD commanded Moses in mount Sinai, in the day that he commanded the children of Israel to offer their oblations unto the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Moses consecrateth Aaron and his sons.

14 Their sin-offering. 18 Their burnt-offering. 31 The place and time of their consecration.

¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oyl, and a bullock for the sin-offering, and two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread.

3 And gather thou all the congregation together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 And Moses did as the LORD commanded him, and the assembly was gathered together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

5 And Moses said unto the congregation, This is the thing which the LORD commanded to be done.

6 And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water.

7 And he put upon him the coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod upon him, and he girded him with the curious girdle of the ephod, and bound it unto him therewith.

8 And he put the breast-plate upon him; also he put in the breast-plate the Urim and Thummim.

9 And he put the mitre upon his head; also upon the mitre, even upon his forehead did he put the golden plate, the holy crown; as the LORD commanded Moses.

10 And Moses took the anointing oyl, and anointed the tabernacle and all that was therein, and sanctified them.

11 And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all his vessels, both the laver and his foot to sanctifie them.

12 And he poured of the anointing oyl upon Aarons head, and anointed him to sanctifie him.

13 And Moses brought Aarons sons, and put coats upon them, and girded them with girdles, and put bonnets upon them; as the LORD commanded Moses.

14 And he brought the bullock for the sin-offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the bullock for the sin-offering.

15 And he slew it, and Moses took the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about with his finger, and purified the altar; and poured the blood at the bottom of the altar, and sanctified it, to make reconciliation upon it.

16 And he took all the fat that was upon the inwards, and the caul above the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and Moses burned it upon the altar.

17 But the bullock and his hide, his flesh and his dung, he burnt with fire without the camp; as the LORD commanded Moses.

18 ¶ And he brought the ram for the burnt-offering: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram.

19 And he killed it, and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about.

20 And he cut the ram into pieces, and Moses burnt the head, and the pieces, and the fat.

21 And he washed the inwards and the legs in water; and Moses burnt the whole ram upon the altar: it was a burnt-sacrifice for a sweet savour, and an offering made by fire unto the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses.

22 ¶ And he brought the other ram, the ram of consecration: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram.

23 And he slew it, and Moses took of the blood of it, and put it upon the tip of Aarons right ear, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot.

24 And he brought Aarons sons, and Moses put of the blood upon the tip of their right ear, and upon the thumbs of their right hands, and upon the great toes of their right feet: and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about.

25 And he took the fat, and the rump, and all the fat that was upon the inwards, and the caul above the liver, and the two kidneys and their fat, and the right shoulder.

26 And out of the basket of unleavened bread, that was before the LORD, he took one unleavened cake, and a cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and put them on the fat, and upon the right shoulder.

27 And he put all upon Aarons hands, and upon his sons hands, and waved them for a wave-offering before the LORD.

28 And Moses took them from off their hands, and burnt them on the altar, upon the burnt-offering: they were consecrations for a sweet savour: it is an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

29 And Moses took the breast, and waved it for a wave-offering before the LORD: for of the ram of consecration it was Moses part; as the LORD commanded Moses.

30 And Moses took of the anointing oyl, and of the blood which was upon the altar, and sprinkled it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon his sons garments with him; and sanctified Aaron, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons garments with him.

31 ¶ And Moses said unto Aaron, and to his sons, Boil the flesh at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation; and there eat it with the bread that is in the basket of consecrations, as I commanded, saying, Aaron and his sons shall eat it.

32 And that which remaineth of the flesh and of the bread, shall ye burn with fire.

33 And ye shall not go out of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation in seven days, until the days of your consecration be at an end: for seven days shall he consecrate you.

34 As he hath done this day, so the LORD hath commanded to do, to make an atonement for you.

35 Therefore shall ye abide at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation day and night, seven days, and keep the charge of the LORD, that ye die not: for so I am commanded.

36 So Aaron and his sons did all thing which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

CHAP. IX.

1 *The first offerings of Aaron for himself and the people.* 23 *Moses and Aaron bless the people.* 24 *Five cometh from the Lord, upon the altar.*

And it came to passe on the eighth day, that Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel;

2 And he said unto Aaron, Take thee a young calf for a sin-offering, and a ram for a burnt-offering, without blemish, and offer them before the LORD.

3 And unto the children of Israel thou shalt speak, saying, Take ye a kid of the goats, for a sin-offering, and a calf, and a lamb, both of the first year, without blemish, for a burnt-offering.

4 Also a bullock and a ram, for peace-offerings, to sacrifice before the LORD; and a meat-offering mingled with oyl: for to day the LORD will appear unto you.

5 ¶ And they brought that which Moses commanded before the tabernacle of the congregation: and all the congregation drew near and stood before the LORD.

6 And Moses said, This is the thing which the LORD commanded that ye should do: and the glory of the LORD shall appear unto you.

7 And Moses said unto Aaron, Go unto the altar, and offer thy sin-offering, and thy burnt-offering, and make an atonement for thy self and for the people: and offer the offering of the people, and make an atonement for them; as the LORD commanded.

8 ¶ Aaron therefore went unto the altar, and slew the calf of the sin-offering, which was for himself.

9 And the sons of Aaron brought the blood unto him: and he dipt his finger in the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar, and poured out the blood at the bottom of the altar.

10 But the fat and the kidneys, and the caul above the liver of the sin-offering he burnt upon the altar; as the LORD commanded Moses.

11 And the flesh and the hide he burnt with fire, without the camp.

12 And he slew the burnt-offering, and Aarons sons presented unto him the blood, which he sprinkled round about upon the altar.

13 And they presented the burnt-offering unto him, with the pieces thereof, and the head: and he burnt them upon the altar.

14 And he did wash the inwards and the legs, and burnt them upon the burnt-offering on the altar.

15 ¶ And he brought the peoples offering, and took the goat which was the sin-offering for the people, and slew it, and offered it for sin, as the first.

16 And he brought the burnt-offering, and offered it according to the manner.

17 And he brought the meat-offering, and took an handful thereof, and burnt it upon the altar, beside the burnt-sacrifice of the morning.

18 He slew also the bullock and the ram, for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, which was for the people: And Aarons sons presented unto him the blood (which he sprinkled upon the altar round about.)

19 And the fat of the bullock, and of the ram the rump, and that which covereth the inwards, and the kidneys, and the caul above the liver.

20 And they put the fat upon the breasts, and he burnt the fat upon the altar;

21 And the breasts and the right shoulder Aaron waved for a wave-offering before the LORD; as Moses commanded.

22 And Aaron lift up his hand towards the people, and blessed them, and came down from offering of the sin-offering, and the burnt-offering, and peace-offerings.

23 And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the people.

24 And there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt-offering, and the fat: which when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces.

CHAP. X.

1 *Nadab and Abihu offering strange fire, are burnt by fire.* 8 *The priests going into the tabernacle are forbidden wine.*

And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not.

2 And there went out fire from the LORD and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.

3 Then Moses said unto Aaron, This is it that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified: And Aaron held his peace.

4 And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said unto them, Come near, carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp.

5 So they went near, and carried them in their coats out of the camp; as Moses had said.

6 And Moses said unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar his sons, Uncover not your heads, neither rend your clothes, lest you die, and lest wrath come upon all the people: but let your brethren, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning which the LORD hath kindled.

7 And ye shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, lest you die; for the anointing oyl of the LORD is upon you. And they did according to the word of Moses.

8 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Aaron, saying,

9 Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations:

10 And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean:

11 And that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.

12 ¶ And Moses spake unto Aaron, and

unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar his sons that were left, Take the meat-offering that remaineth of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and eat it without leaven beside the altar: for it is most holy.

13 And ye shall eat it in the holy place, because it is thy due, and thy sons due of the sacrifices of the LORD made by fire: for so I am commanded.

14 And the wave-breast & heave-shoulder shall ye eat in a clean place; thou and thy sons, and thy daughters with thee: for they be thy due, and thy sons due, which are given out of the sacrifices of peace-offerings of the children of Israel.

15 The heave-shoulder, and the wave-breast shall they bring, with the offerings made by fire of the fat, to wave it for a wave-offering before the LORD, and it shall be thine, and thy sons with thee, by a statute for ever; as the LORD hath commanded.

16 ¶ And Moses diligently sought the goat of the sin-offering, and behold, it was burnt: and he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron, which were left alive, saying,

17 Wherefore have ye not eaten the sin-offering in the holy place, seeing it is most holy, and God hath given it you to bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the LORD?

18 Behold, the blood of it was not brought in, within the holy place: ye should indeed have eaten it in the holy place, as I commanded.

19 And Aaron said unto Moses, Behold, this day have they offered their sin-offering, and their burnt-offering before the LORD; and such things have befallen me: and if I had eaten the sin-offering to day, should it have been accepted in the sight of the LORD?

20 And when Moses heard that, he was content.

CHAP. XI.

1 What beasts may be eaten, 4 what not. 9 What fishes, 13 and fowls. 29 The creeping things, which are unclean.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, and to Aaron, saying unto them,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, These are y beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that are on the earth.

3 Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is cloven-footed, and cheweth the cud among the beasts, that shall ye eat.

4 Nevertheless, these shall ye not eat, of them that chew the cud; or of them that divide the hoof: as the camel, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you.

5 And the cony, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you.

6 And the hare, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you.

7 And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be cloven-footed, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean to you.

8 Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcase shall ye not touch; they are unclean to you.

9 ¶ These shall ye eat, of all that are in the waters; whatsoever hath fins and

scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers; them shall ye eat.

10 And all that have not fins nor scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing, which is in the waters; they shall be an abomination unto you.

11 They shall be even an abomination unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, but you shall have their carcases in abomination.

12 Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that shall be an abomination unto you.

13 ¶ And these are they which ye shall have in abomination among the fowls, they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination: the eagle, and the osprey, and the ospray,

14 And the vulture, and the kite, after his kinde:

15 Every raven after his kinde:

16 And the owl, and the night-hawk, and the cuckow, and the hawk after his kinde,

17 And the little owl, and the cormorant, and the great owl,

18 And the swan, and the pelican, and the gier-eagle,

19 And the stork, the heron after her kinde, and the lapwing, and the bat.

20 All fowls that creep, going upon all four, shall be an abomination unto you.

21 Yet these may ye eat of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon all four, which have legs above their feet, to leap withall upon the earth:

22 Even these of them ye may eat: The locust after his kinde, and the bald-loct after his kinde, and the beetle after his kinde, and the grasshopper after his kinde.

23 But all other flying creeping things, which have four feet, shall be an abomination unto you.

24 And for these ye shall be unclean: whosoever toucheth the carcase of them shall be unclean until the even.

25 And whosoever bearethought of the carcase of them, shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even.

26 The carcases of every beast which divideth the hoof, and is not cloven-footed, nor cheweth the cud, are unclean unto you: every one that toucheth them, shall be unclean.

27 And whatsoever goeth upon his paws, among all manner of beasts, that go on all four, those are unclean unto you: whofo toucheth their carcase, shall be unclean until the even.

28 And he that beareth the carcase of them, shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: they are unclean unto you.

29 ¶ These also shall be unclean unto you among the creeping things that creep upon the earth: the weasel, and the mouse, and the tortois after his kinde,

30 And the ferret, and the camelion, and the lizard, and the snail, and the mole.

31 These are unclean to you among all that creep: whosoever doth touch them when they be dead, shall be unclean until the even.

32 And upon whatsoever any of them, when they are dead, doth fall, it shall be unclean.

unclean; whether it be any vessel of wood, or raiment, or skin, or sack, whatsoever vessel it be, wherein any work is done, it must be put into water, and it shall be unclean until the even; so it shall be cleansed.

33 And every earthen vessel, where into any of them falleth, whatsoever is in it shall be unclean; and ye shall break it.

34 Of all meat which may be eaten, that on which such water cometh, shall be unclean: and all drink that may be drunk in every such vessel, shall be unclean.

35 And every thing, whereupon any part of their carcase falleth, shall be unclean; whether it be oven, or ranges for pots, they shall be broken down: for they are unclean, and shall be unclean unto you.

36 Nevertheless, a fountain or pit, wherein there is plenty of water, shall be clean; but that which toucheth their carcase, shall be unclean.

37 And if any part of their carcase fall upon any sowing seed which is to be sown; it shall be clean.

38 But if any water be put upon the seed, and any part of their carcase fall thereon; it shall be unclean unto you.

39 And if any beast of which ye may eat, die; he that toucheth the carcase thereof, shall be unclean until the even.

40 And he that eateth of the carcase of it, shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: he also that beareth the carcase of it, shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even.

41 And every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, shall be an abomination: it shall not be eaten.

42 Whatsoever goeth upon the belly, and whatsoever goeth upon all four, or whatsoever hath more feet among all creeping things that creep upon the earth, them ye shall not eat, for they are an abomination.

43 Ye shall not make your selves abominable with any creeping thing that creepeth, neither shall ye make your selves unclean with them, that ye should be defiled thereby.

44 For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify your selves, and ye shall be holy, for I am holy: neither shall ye defile your selves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

45 For I am the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

46 This is the law of the beasts, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moveth in the waters, and of every creature that creepeth upon the earth:

47 To make a difference between the unclean and the clean, and between the beast that may be eaten, and the beast that may not be eaten.

CHAP. XII.

1 *A woman's purification after child-birth, 6 Her offerings for her purifying.*

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a woman have conceived seed, and born a male-child, then she shall be

unclean seven days: according to the days of the separation for her infirmity shall she be unclean.

3 And in the eighth day, the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

4 And she shall then continue in the blood of her purifying three and thirty days: she shall touch no hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purifying be fulfilled.

5 But if she bear a maid-child, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her separation: and she shall continue in the blood of her purifying three score and six days.

6 And when the days of her purifying are fulfilled, for a son, or for a daughter; she shall bring a lamb of the first year for a burnt-offering, and a young pigeon, or a turtle-dove for a sin-offering, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest:

7 who shall offer it before the LORD, and make an atonement for her, and she shall be cleansed from the issue of her blood. This is the law for her that hath born a male or a female.

8 And if she be not able to bring a lamb, then she shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons; the one for the burnt-offering, and the other for a sin-offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for her, and she shall be clean.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *The laws and tokens guiding the priest to discern the leprosie.*

And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, saying,

2 When a man shall have in the skin of his flesh a rising, a scab, or bright spot, and it be in the skin of his flesh like the plague of leprosie; then he shall be brought unto Aaron the priest, or unto one of his sons the priests.

3 And the priest shall look on the plague in the skin of the flesh; and when the hair in the plague is turned white, and the plague in sight be deeper than the skin of his flesh; it is a plague of leprosie: and the priest shall look on him, and pronounce him unclean.

4 If the bright spot be white in the skin of his flesh, and in sight be not deeper than the skin, and the hair thereof be not turned white; then the priest shall shut up him that hath the plague, seven days.

5 And the priest shall look on him the seventh day: and behold, if the plague in his sight be at a stay, and the plague spread not in the skin; then the priest shall shut him up seven days more.

6 And the priest shall look on him again the seventh day: and behold, if the plague be somewhat dark, and the plague spread not in the skin; the priest shall pronounce him clean: it is but a scab; and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean.

7 But if the scab spread much abroad in the skin, after that he hath been seen of the priest for his cleansing; he shall be seen of the priest again.

8 And if the priest see, that behold, the scab spreadeth in the skin; then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is a leprotie.

9 ¶ When the plague of leprotie is in a man,

a man, then he shall be brought unto the priest :

10 And the priest shall see him : and behold, if the rising be white in the skin, and it have turned the hair white, and there be quick raw flesh in the rising ;

11 It is an old leprosie in the skin of his flesh, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean, and shall not shut him up : for he is unclean.

12 And if a leprosie break out abroad in the skin, and the leprosie cover all the skin of him that hath the plague, from his head even to his foot, wherefoever the priest looketh ;

13 Then the priest shall consider : and behold, if the leprosie have covered all his flesh, he shall pronounce him clean that hath the plague : it is all turned white : he is clean.

14 But when raw flesh appeareth in him, he shall be unclean.

15 And the priest shall see the raw flesh, and pronounce him to be unclean : for the raw flesh is unclean : it is a leprosie.

16 Or if the raw flesh turn again, and be changed unto white ; he shall come unto the priest :

17 And the priest shall see him : and behold, if the plague be turned into white ; then the priest shall pronounce him clean that hath the plague : he is clean.

18 ¶ The flesh also, in which, even in the skin thereof, was a bile, and is healed,

19 And in the place of the bile there be a white rising, or a bright spot white, and somewhat reddish, and it be shewed to the priest ;

20 And if when the priest seeth it, behold, it be in sight lower than the skin, and the hair thereof be turned white ; the priest shall pronounce him unclean : it is a plague of leprosie broken out of the bile.

21 But if the priest look on it, and behold, there be no white hairs therein, and if it be not lower than the skin, but be somewhat dark ; then the priest shall shut him up seven dayes.

22 And if it spread much abroad in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean ; it is a plague.

23 But if the bright spot stay in his place, and spread not, it is a burning bile ; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

24 ¶ Or if there be any flesh, in the skin whereof there is a hot burning, and the quick flesh that burneth have a white bright spot, somewhat reddish, or white ;

25 Then the priest shall look upon it : and behold, if the hair in the bright spot be turned white, and it be in sight deeper than the skin ; it is a leprosie broken out of the burning : wherefore the priest shall pronounce him unclean : it is the plague of leprosie.

26 But if the priest look on it, and behold, there be no white hair on the bright spot, and it be no lower than the other skin, but be somewhat dark ; then the priest shall shut him up seven dayes.

27 And the priest shall look upon him the seventh day : and if it be spread much abroad in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean : it is the plague of leprosie.

28 And if the bright spot stay in his

place, and spread not in the skin, but it be somewhat dark ; it is a rising of the burning, and the priest shall pronounce him clean : for it is an inflammation of the burning.

29 ¶ If a man or woman hath a plague upon the head or the beard ;

30 Then the priest shall see the plague ; and behold, if it be in sight deeper than the skin, and there be in it a yellow thin hair ; then the priest shall pronounce him unclean : it is a dry scall, even a leprosie upon the head or beard.

31 And if the priest look on the plague of the scall, and behold, it be not in sight deeper than the skin, and there be no black hair in it ; then the priest shall shut up him that hath the plague of the scall, seven dayes.

32 And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the plague ; and behold, if the scall spread not, and there be in it no yellow hair, and the scall be not in sight deeper than the skin ;

33 He shall be shaven, but the scall shall he not have : and the priest shall shut up him that hath the scall, seven dayes more.

34 And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the scall ; and behold, if the scall be not spread in the skin, nor be in sight deeper than the skin ; then the priest shall pronounce him clean : and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean.

35 But if the scall spread much in the skin after his cleansing ;

36 Then the priest shall look on him ; and behold, if the scall be spread in the skin, the priest shall not seek for yellow hair : he is unclean.

37 But if the scall be in his sight as a flay, and that there is black hair grown up therein ; the scall is healed, he is clean ; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

38 ¶ If a man also or a woman have in the skin of their flesh bright spots, even white bright spots ;

39 Then the priest shall look : and behold, if the bright spots in the skin of their flesh be darkish white ; it is a freckled spot that groweth in the skin : he is clean.

40 And the man whose hair is fallen off his head, he is bald : yet is he clean.

41 And he that hath his hair fallen off, from the part of his head toward his face, he is forehead-bald : yet is he clean.

42 And if there be in the bald head, or bald forehead, a white reddish sore ; it is a leprosie sprung up in his bald head, or his bald forehead.

43 Then the priest shall look upon it ; and behold, if the rising of the sore be white reddish in his bald head, or in his bald forehead, as the leprosie appeareth in the skin of the flesh ;

44 He is a leprous man, he is unclean : the priest shall pronounce him utterly unclean, his plague is in his head.

45 And the leper in whom the plague is, his clothes shall be rent, and his head bare, and he shall put a covering upon his upper lip, and shall cry, Unclean, unclean.

46 All the dayes wherein the plague shall be in him, he shall be defiled ; he is unclean : he shall dwell alone, without the camp shall his habitation be.

47 ¶ The garment also that the plague

of leprosie is in, whether it be a woollen garment, or a linen garment,

48 whether it be in the warp, or woof, of linen, or of woollen, whether in a skin, or in any thing made of skin :

49 And if the plague be greenish or reddish in the garment, or in the skin, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin; it is a plague of leprosie, and shall be shewed unto the priest.

50 And the priest shall look upon the plague, and shut up it that hath the plague, seven dayes.

51 And he shall look on the plague on the seventh day; if the plague be spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in a skin, or in any work that is made of skin; the plague is a fretting leprosie; it is unclean.

52 He shall therefore burn that garment, whether warp or woof, in woollen or in linen, or any thing of skin, wherein the plague is, for it is a fretting leprosie; it shall be burnt in the fire.

53 And if the priest shall look, and behold, the plague be not spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin;

54 Then the priest shall command that they wash the thing wherein the plague is, and he shall shut it up seven dayes more.

55 And the priest shall look on the plague after that it is washed: and behold, if the plague have not changed his colour, and the plague be not spread; it is unclean, thou shalt burn it in the fire; it is fret inward, whether it be bare within or without.

56 And if the priest look, and behold, the plague be somewhat dark after the washing of it; then he shall rend it out of the garment, or out of the skin, or out of the warp, or out of the woof.

57 And if it appear still in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin; it is a spreading plague: thou shalt burn that wherein the plague is, with fire.

58 And the garment, either warp, or woof, or whatsoever thing of skin it be, which thou shalt wash, if the plague be departed from them, then it shall be washed the second time, and shall be clean.

59 This is the law of the plague of leprosie in a garment of woollen or linen, either in the warp, or woof, or any thing of skins, to pronounce it clean, or to pronounce it unclean.

CHAP. XIV.

1 The vites and sacrifices in cleansing of the leper. 33 The signs of leprosie in an house. 48 The cleansing of that house.

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 This shall be the law of the leper, in the day of his cleansing: he shall be brought unto the priest.

3 And the priest shall go forth out of the camp; and the priest shall look, and behold, if the plague of leprosie be healed in the leper;

4 Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed, two birds alive, and clean, and cedar-wood, and scarlet, and hyssope.

5 And the priest shall command the pour

of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel, over running water.

6 As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar-wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssope, and shall dip them and the living bird, in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water.

7 And he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be cleansed from the leprosie, seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose into the open field.

8 And he that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean; and after that he shall come into the camp, and shall tarry abroad out of his tent seven dayes.

9 But it shall be on the seventh day, that he shall shave all his hair off his head, and his beard, and his eye-brows, even all his hair he shall shave off: and he shall wash his clothes, also he shall wash his flesh in water, and he shall be clean.

10 And on the eighth day he shall take two he-lambs without blemish, and one ew-lamb of the first year, without blemish, and three tenth-deals of fine flour for a meat-offering, mingled with oyl, and one log of oyl.

11 And the priest that maketh him clean, shall present the man that is to be made clean, and those things before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:

12 And the priest shall take one he-lamb, and offer him for a trespass-offering, and the log of oyl, and wave them for a wave-offering before the LORD.

13 And he shall slay the lamb in the place where he shall kill the sin-offering and the burnt-offering, in the holy place; for as the sin-offering is the priests, so is the trespass-offering: it is most holy.

14 And the priest shall take some of the blood of the trespass-offering, and the priest shall put it upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot.

15 And the priest shall take some of the log of oyl, and pour it into the palm of his own left hand:

16 And the priest shall dip his right finger in the oyl that is in his left hand, and shall sprinkle of the oyl with his finger, seven times before the LORD.

17 And of the rest of the oyl that is in his hand, shall the priest put upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the blood of the trespass-offering.

18 And the remnant of the oyl that is in the priests hand, he shall pour upon the head of him that is to be cleansed: and the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD.

19 And the priest shall offer the sin-offering, and make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed from his uncleanness, and afterward he shall kill the burnt-offering.

20 And the priest shall offer the burnt-offering, and the meat-offering upon the altar;

altar: and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and he shall be clean.

21 And if he be poor, and cannot get so much, then he shall take one lamb for a trespass-offering to be waved, to make an atonement for him, and one tenth-deal of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering, and a log of oyl:

22 And two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, such as he is able to get; and he one shall be a sin-offering, and the other a burnt-offering.

23 And he shall bring them on the eighth day, for his cleansing, unto the priest, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, before the LORD.

24 And the priest shall take the lamb of the trespass-offering, and the log of oyl, and the priest shall wave them for a wave-offering before the LORD.

25 And he shall kill the lamb of the trespass-offering, and the priest shall take some of the blood of the trespass-offering, and put it upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, & upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot.

26 And the priest shall pour of the oyl into the palm of his own left hand.

27 And the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger, some of the oyl that is in his left hand, seven times before the LORD.

28 And the priest shall put of the oyl that is in his hand, upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot; upon the place of the blood of the trespass-offering.

29 And the rest of the oyl that is in the priest's hand, he shall put upon the head of him that is to be cleansed, to make an atonement for him before the LORD.

30 And he shall offer the one of the turtle-doves, or of the young pigeons, such as he can get:

31 Even such as he is able to get, the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, with the meat-offering. And the priest shall make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed, before the LORD.

32 This is the law of him in whom is the plague of leprosie, whose hand is not able to get that which pertaineth to his cleansing.

33 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, and unto Aaron, saying,

34 When ye be come into the land of Canaan, which I give to you for a possession, and I put the plague of leprosie in a house of the land of your possession;

35 And he that oweth the house shall come and tell the priest, saying, It seemeth to me there is as it were a plague in the house;

36 Then the priest shall command that they empty the house, before the priest go into it to see the plague; that all that is in the house be not made unclean; and afterward the priest shall go in to see the house.

37 And he shall look on the plague, and behold, if the plague be in the walls of the house, with hollow strokes, greenish or reddish, which in sight are lower than the wall,

38 Then the priest shall go out of the house, to the door of the house, and shut up the house seven days.

39 And the priest shall come again the seventh day, and shall look; and behold, if the plague be spread in the walls of the house;

40 Then the priest shall command that they take away the stones, in which the plague is, and they shall cast them into an unclean place without the city.

41 And he shall cause the house to be scraped within round about, and they shall pour out the dust that they scrape off, without the city into an unclean place.

42 And they shall take other stones, and put them in the place of those stones; and he shall take other mortar, and shall plaister the house.

43 And if the plague come again, and break out in the house, after that he hath taken away the stones, and after he hath scraped the house, & after it is plaistered;

44 Then the priest shall come and look, and behold, if the plague be spread in the house, it is a fretting leprosie in the house: it is unclean.

45 And he shall break down the house, the stones of it, and the timber thereof, and all the mortar of the house: and he shall carry them forth out of the city into an unclean place.

46 Moreover, he that goeth into the house all the while that it is shut up, shall be unclean until the even.

47 And he that lieth in the house, shall wash his clothes: and he that eateth in the house, shall wash his clothes.

48 And if the priest shall come in, and look upon it, and behold, the plague hath not spread in the house, after the house was plaistered: then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, because the plague is healed.

49 And he shall take to cleanse the house two birds, and cedar-wood, and scarlet, and hysope.

50 And he shall kill the one of the birds in an earthen vessel, over running water.

51 And he shall take the cedar-wood, and the hysope, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times.

52 And he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar-wood, and with the hysope, and with the scarlet.

53 But he shall let go the living bird out of the city into the open fields, and make an atonement for the house: and it shall be clean.

54 This is the law for all manner of plague of leprosie, and scall,

55 And for the leprosie of a garment, and of an house,

56 And for a rising, and for a scab, and for a bright spot:

57 To reach when it is unclean, and when it is clean: this is the law of leprosie.

CHAP. XV.

1 Mens uncleanness in their issues.
2 Their cleansing. 19 Womens uncleanness in their issue. 28 Their cleansing.

¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, and to Aaron, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, when any man hath a running issue out of his flesh, because of his issue, he is unclean.

3 And this shall be his uncleanness in his issue: whether his flesh run with his issue, or his flesh be stopped from his issue, it is his uncleanness.

4 Every bed whereon he lieth that hath the issue, is unclean: and every thing whereon he sitteth, shall be unclean.

5 And whosoever toucheth his bed, shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

6 And he that sitteth on any thing whereon he sat that hath the issue, shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

7 And he that toucheth the flesh of him that hath the issue, shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

8 And if he that hath the issue spit upon him that is clean; then he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

9 And what saddle soever he rideth upon, that hath the issue, shall be unclean.

10 And whosoever toucheth any thing that was under him, shall be unclean until the even: and he that beareth any of those things, shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

11 And whomsoever he toucheth that hath the issue (and hath not rinsed his hands in water) he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

12 And the vessel of earth, that he toucheth which hath the issue, shall be broken: and every vessel of wood shall be rinsed in water.

13 And when he that hath an issue, is cleansed of his issue; then he shall number to himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean.

14 And on the eighth day he shall take to him two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, and come before the LORD, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and give them unto the priest.

15 And the priest shall offer them, the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD, for his issue.

16 And if any mans seed of copulation go out from him, then he shall wash all his flesh in water, and be unclean until the even.

17 And every garment, and every skin whereon is the seed of copulation, shall be washed with water, and be unclean until the even.

18 The woman also with whom man shall lye with seed of copulation, they shall both bathe themselves in water, and be unclean until the even.

19 ¶ And if a woman have an issue, and her issue in her flesh be blood, she shall be put apart seven days: and whosoever toucheth her, shall be unclean until the even.

20 And every thing that she lieth upon

in her separation, shall be unclean: every thing also that she sitteth upon, shall be unclean.

21 And whosoever toucheth her bed, shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

22 And whosoever toucheth any thing that she sat upon, shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

23 And if it be on her bed, or on any thing whereon she sitteth, when he toucheth it, he shall be unclean until the even.

24 And if any man lye with her at all, and her flowers be upon him, he shall be unclean seven days: and all the bed whereon he lieth, shall be unclean.

25 And if a woman have an issue of her blood many days out of the time of her separation, or if it run beyond the time of her separation; all the days of the issue of her uncleanness shall be as the days of her separation: she shall be unclean.

26 Every bed whereon she lieth all the days of her issue, shall be unto her as the bed of her separation: and whatsoever she sitteth upon, shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her separation.

27 And whosoever toucheth those things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

28 But if she be cleansed of her issue, then she shall number to her self seven days, and after that she shall be clean.

29 And on the eighth day she shall take unto her two turtles, or two young pigeons, and bring them unto the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

30 And the priest shall offer the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for her before the LORD, for the issue of her uncleanness.

31 Thus shall ye separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness; that they die not in their uncleanness, when they defile my tabernacle that is among them.

32 This is the law of him that hath an issue, and of him whose seed goeth from him, and is defiled therewith.

33 And of her that is sick of her flowers, and of him that hath an issue, of the man, and of the woman, and of him that lieth with her which is unclean.

CHAP. XVI.

1 How the high priest must enter into the holy place. 11 The sin-offering for himself, 15 and for the people.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, After the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered before the LORD, and died:

2 And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place within the vail, before the mercy-seat, which is upon the ark; that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy-seat.

3 Thus shall Aaron come into the holy place: with a young bullock for a sin-offering, and a ram for a burnt-offering.

4 He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with the linen girdle,

girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these are holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and so put them on.

5 And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel, two kids of the goats for a sin-offering, and one ram for a burnt-offering.

6 And Aaron shall offer his bullock of the sin-offering, which is for himself, and make an atonement for himself, and for his house.

7 And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

8 And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scape-goat.

9 And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORDS lot fell, and offer him for a sin-offering.

10 But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scape-goat, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him, and to let him go for a scape-goat into the wilderness.

11 And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin-offering, which is for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house, & shall kill the bullock of the sin-offering which is for himself.

12 And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the vail.

13 And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy-seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not.

14 And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy-seat eastward: and before the mercy-seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.

15 ¶ Then shall he kill the goat of the sin-offering that is for the people, and bring his blood within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy-seat, and before the mercy-seat.

16 And he shall make an atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation that remaineth among them, in the midst of their uncleanness.

17 And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation, when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy place, untill he come out, and have made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel.

18 And he shall go out unto the altar that is before the LORD, and make an atonement for it; and shall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about.

19 And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.

20 ¶ And when he hath made an end

of reconciling the holy place, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat:

21 And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness.

22 And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities, unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.

23 And Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall put off the linen garments, which he put on when he went into the holy place; and shall leave them there.

24 And he shall wash his flesh with water in the holy place, and put on his garments, and come forth, and offer his burnt-offering, and the burnt-offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself, and for the people.

25 And the fat of the sin-offering shall he burn upon the altar.

26 And he that let go the goat for the scape-goat, shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward come into the camp.

27 And the bullock for the sin-offering, and the goat for the sin-offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, shall one carry forth without the camp, and they shall burn in the fire their skins and their flesh, and their dung.

28 And he that burneth them shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, & afterward he shall come into the camp.

29 ¶ And this shall be a statute for ever unto you: that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, whether it be one of your own country, or a stranger that sojourneth among you.

30 For on that day shall the priest make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.

31 It shall be a sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls by a statute for ever.

32 And the priest whom he shall anoint, and whom he shall consecrate to minister in the priests office in his fathers stead, shall make the atonement, & shall put on the linen clothes, even the holy garments.

33 And he shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar: and he shall make an atonement for the priests, and for all the people of the congregation.

34 And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel, for all their sins, once a year. And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAP. XVII.

1 The blood of all slain beasts must be offered at the door of the tabernacle.

7 They must not offer to devils.

And the LORD spake unto Moses,

2 Speak unto Aaron, and unto his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them, This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded, saying,

3 What man soever there be of the house of Israel, that killeth an ox, or lamb, or goat in the camp, or that killeth it out of the camp,

4 And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer an offering unto the LORD before the tabernacle of the LORD; blood shall be impured unto that man, he hath shed blood; and that man shall be cut off from among his people:

5 To the end that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices, which they offer in the open field, even that they may bring them unto the LORD, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation unto the priest, and offer them for peace-offerings unto the LORD.

6 And the priest shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar of the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and burn the fat for a sweet savour unto the LORD.

7 And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils, after whom they have gone a whoring: This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations.

8 ¶ And thou shalt say unto them, Whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers which sojourn among you, that offereth a burnt-offering or sacrifice,

9 And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer it unto the LORD, even that man shall be cut off from among his people.

10 ¶ And whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood; I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people.

11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar, to make an atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

12 Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you, eat blood.

13 And whatsoever man there be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, which hunteth and eateth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust.

14 For it is the life of all flesh, & blood of it is for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: For the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it, shall be cut off.

15 And every soul that eateth that which died of it self, or that which was torn with beasts (whether it be one of your own country, or a stranger) he shall both wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even: then shall he be clean.

16 But if he wash them not, nor bathe his flesh, then he shall bear his iniquity.

1 Unlawfull marriages. 19 Unlawfull lusts.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I am the LORD your God.

3 After the doings of the land of Egypt wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances.

4 Ye shall do my judgements, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I am the LORD your God.

5 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgements: which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the LORD.

6 ¶ None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness: I am the LORD.

7 The nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: he is thy mother, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

8 The nakedness of thy fathers wife shalt thou not uncover: it is thy fathers nakedness.

9 The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, whether she be born at home, or born abroad, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover.

10 The nakedness of thy sons daughter, or of thy daughters daughter, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover: for theirs is thine own nakedness.

11 The nakedness of thy fathers wives daughter, begotten of thy father, (she is thy sister) thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

12 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy fathers sister: she is thy fathers near kinswoman.

13 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mothers sister: for she is thy mothers near kinswoman.

14 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy fathers brother, thou shalt not approach to his wife: she is thine aunt.

15 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter in law: she is thy sons wife, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

16 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brothers wife: it is thy brothers nakedness.

17 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter, neither shalt thou take her sons daughter, or her daughters daughter, to uncover her nakedness: for they are her near kinswomen: it is wickedness.

18 Neither shalt thou take a wife to her sister, to vex her, to uncover her nakedness besides the other in her life time.

19 Also thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is put apart for her uncleanness.

20 Moreover, thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbours wife, to defile thyself with her.

21 And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.

22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with woman kind: it is abomination.

23 Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thy self therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion.

24 Defile not you your selves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you.

25 And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land it self vomiteth out her inhabitants.

26 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgements, and shall not commit any of these abominations; neither any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you:

27 (For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled)

28 That the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that were before you.

29 For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit them, shall be cut off from among their people.

30 Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinance, that ye commit not any one of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and that ye defile not your selves therein: I am the LORD your God.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *Appetition of sundry laws.*

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy.

3 ¶ Ye shall fear every man his mother and his father, and keep my sabbaths: I am the LORD your God.

4 Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to your selves molten gods: I am the LORD your God.

5 ¶ And if ye offer a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto the LORD; ye shall offer it at your own will.

6 It shall be eaten the same day ye offer it, and on the morrow; and if ought remain untill the third day, it shall be burnt in the fire.

7 And if it be eaten at all on the third day, it is abominable; it shall not be accepted.

8 Therefore every one that eateth it shall bear his iniquitie, because he hath profaned the hallowed thing of the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

9 ¶ And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest.

10 And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I am the LORD your God.

11 ¶ Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.

12 ¶ And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane my name of thy God: I am the LORD.

13 ¶ Thou shalt not defraud thy neigh-

bour, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired, shall not abide with thee all night untill the morning.

14 ¶ Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling-block before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I am the LORD.

15 ¶ Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgement; thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty; but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.

16 ¶ Thou shalt not go up and down as a tale-bearer among thy people; neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour: I am the LORD.

17 ¶ Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.

18 ¶ Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thy self: I am the LORD.

19 ¶ Ye shall keep my statutes: thou shalt not let thy cartel gender with a divers kind: Thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed: neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee.

20 ¶ And whosoever lieth carnally with a woman that is a bond-maid betrothed to an husband, and not at all redeemed, nor freedom given her, she shall be scourged; they shall not be put to death, because she was not free.

21 And he shall bring his trespass-offering unto the LORD, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, a even a ram for a trespass-offering.

22 And the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the trespass-offering, before the LORD; for his sin which he hath done: and the sin which he hath done, shall be forgiven him.

23 ¶ And when ye shall come into the land, and shall have planted all manner of trees for food, then ye shall count the fruit thereof as uncircumcised: three years shall it be as uncircumcised unto you; it shall not be eaten of.

24 But in the fourth year all the fruit thereof shall be holy to praise the LORD withal.

25 And in the fifth year shall ye eat of the fruit thereof, that it may yield unto you the increase thereof: I am the LORD your God.

26 ¶ Ye shall not eat anything with the blood: neither shall ye use enchantment, nor observe times.

27 Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard.

28 Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the LORD.

29 ¶ Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredome, and the land become full of wickedness.

30 ¶ Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD.

31 ¶ Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be dabbed by them: I am the LORD your God.

32 ¶ Thou shalt rise up before the hoarie head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD.

33 ¶ And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him.

34 But the stranger that dwelleth with you, shall be as one born amongst you, and thou shalt love him as thy self; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

35 ¶ Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgement, in measure, in weight, or in measure.

36 Just balances, just weight, a just ephah, and a just hin shall ye have: I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt.

37 Therefore shall ye observe all my statutes, and all my judgements, and do them: I am the LORD.

CHAP. XX.

1 Of him that giveth of his seed to Molech. 6 Of going to wizards. 9 Of him that curseth his parents.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Again, thou shalt say to the children of Israel, whosoever he be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that giveth any of his seed unto Molech, he shall surely be put to death: the people of the land shall stone him with stones.

3 And I will set my face against that man, and will cut him off from among his people: because he hath given of his seed unto Molech, to defile my sanctuary, and to profane my holy name.

4 And if the people of the land do any wayes hide their eyes from the man, when he giveth of his seed unto Molech, and kill him not:

5 Then I will set my face against that man, and against his family, and will cut him off, and all that go a whoring after him, to commit whoredom with Molech, from among their people.

6 ¶ And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, & will cut him off from among his people.

7 ¶ Sanctifie yourselves therefore, & be ye holy; for I am the LORD your God.

8 And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the LORD which sanctifie you.

9 ¶ For every one that curseth his father or his mother, shall be surely put to death: he hath cursed his father or his mother; his blood shall be upon him.

10 ¶ And the man that committeth adultery with another mans wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbours wife, the adulterer and the adulteresse shall surely be put to death.

11 And the man that lieth with his fathers wife, hath uncovered his fathers nakedness: both of them shall be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

12 And if a man lie with his daughter in law, both of them shall surely be put to death; they have wrought confusion; their blood shall be upon them.

13 If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they

shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

14 And if a man take a wife and her mother, it is wickedness: they shall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among you.

15 And if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death; and ye shall slay the beast.

16 And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman and the beast: they shall surely be put to death, their blood shall be upon them.

17 And if a man shall take his sisters, his fathers daughter, or his mothers daughter, and see her nakedness, and the see his nakedness, it is a wicked thing; and they shall be cut off in the sight of their people: he hath uncovered his sisters nakedness, he shall bear his iniquity.

18 And if a man shall lie with a woman having her sickness, and shall uncover her nakedness; he hath discovered her fountain, and he hath uncovered the fountain of her blood: and both of them shall be cut off from among their people.

19 And thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mothers sister, nor of thy fathers sister: for he uncovereth his near kin; they shall bear their iniquity.

20 And if a man shall lie with his uncles wife, he hath uncovered his uncles nakedness: they shall bear their sin, they shall die childlesse.

21 And if a man shall take his brothers wife, it is an unclean thing: he hath uncovered his brothers nakedness; they shall be childlesse.

22 ¶ Ye shall therefore keep all my statutes, and all my judgements, and do them: that the land whither I bring you to dwell therein, spue you not out.

23 And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them.

24 But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey: I am the LORD your God, which have separated you from other people.

25 Ye shall therefore put difference between clean beasts and unclean, and between unclean fowls and clean; and ye shall not make your souls abominable by beast or by fowl, or by any manner of living thing, which creepeth on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean.

26 And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the LORD am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine.

27 ¶ A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death; they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Of the priests mourning. 6 Of their holiness. 8 Of their estimation. 7, 13 Of their marriages.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto the priests the sons of Aaron, and say unto them, There shall none be defiled

defiled for the dead among his people.

2 But for his kin, that is near unto him, *that is*, for his mother, and for his father, and for his son, and for his daughter, and for his brother,

3 And for his sister a virgin, that is nigh unto him, which hath had no husband: for her may he be defiled.

4 But he shall not defile himself, being a chief man among his people, to profane himself.

5 They shall not make baldness upon their head, neither shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their flesh.

6 They shall be holy unto their God, and not profane the name of their God: for the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and the bread of their God they do offer: therefore they shall be holy.

7 They shall not take a wife that is a whore, or profane; neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband: for he is holy unto his God.

8 Thou shalt sanctify him therefore, for he offereth the bread of thy God: he shall be holy unto thee: for I the LORD which sanctify thee, am holy.

9 ¶ And the daughter of any priest, if she profane her self by playing the whore, she profaneth her father: she shall be burnt with fire.

10 And he that is the high priest among his brethren, upon whose head the anointing oil was poured, and that is consecrated to put on the garments, shall not uncover his head, nor rend his clothes:

11 Neither shall he go in to any dead body, nor defile himself for his father, or for his mother:

12 Neither shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the crown of the anointing oyl of his God is upon him: I am the LORD.

13 And he shall take a wife in her virginity.

14 A widow, or a divorced woman, or profane, or an harlot, these shall he not take: but he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife.

15 Neither shall he profane his seed among his people: for I the LORD do sanctify him.

16 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

17 Speak unto Aaron, saying, whosoever he be of thy seed in their generations, that hath *any* blemish, let him not approach to offer the bread of his God:

18 For whatsoever man he be that hath a blemish, he shall not approach: a blinde man, or a lame, or he that hath a flat nose, or any thing superfluous,

19 Or a man that is broken-footed, or broken-handed,

20 Or crook-backed, or a dwarf, or that hath a blemish in his eye, or be scurvy, or scabbed, or hath his stones broken:

21 No man that hath a blemish, of the seed of Aaron the priest, shall come nigh to offer the offerings of the LORD made by fire, he hath a blemish, he shall not come nigh to offer the bread of his God.

22 He shall eat the bread of his God, both of the most holy, and of the holy.

23 Onely he shall not go in unto the vail, nor come nigh unto the altar, be-

cause he hath a blemish: that he profane not my sanctuaries: for I the LORD do sanctifie them.

24 And Moses told it unto Aaron, and to his sons; and unto all the children of Israel.

CHAP. XXII.

1 *The priests in their uncleanness shall abstain from the holy things.* 17 *The sacrifices must be without blemish.*

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, that they separate themselves from the holy things of the children of Israel, and that they profane not my holy name, in those things which they hallow unto me: I am the LORD.

3 Say unto them, whosoever he be of all your seed, among your generations, that goeth unto the holy things, which the children of Israel hallow unto the LORD, having his uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be cut off from my presence: I am the LORD.

4 What man soever of the seed of Aaron is a leper, or hath a running issue, he shall not eat of the holy things, untill he be clean. And whoso toucheth any thing that is unclean by the dead, or a man whose seed goeth from him:

5 Or whosoever toucheth any creeping thing, whereby he may be made unclean, or a man of whom he may take uncleanness, whatsoever uncleanness he hath:

6 The soul which hath touched any such shall be unclean untill even, and shall not eat of the holy things, unless he wash his flesh with water.

7 And when the sun is down, he shall be clean, and shall afterward eat of the holy things, because it is his food.

8 That which dieth of it self, or is torn with beasts, he shall not eat to defile himself therewith: I am the LORD.

9 They shall therefore keep mine ordinance, lest they bear sin for it, and die therefore, if they profane it: I the LORD do sanctifie them.

10 There shall no stranger eat of the holy thing: a sojourner of the priests, or an hired servant shall not eat of the holy thing.

11 But if the priest buy any soul with his money, he shall eat of it, and he that is born in his house: they shall eat of his meat.

12 If the priests daughter also be married unto a stranger, she may not eat of an offering of the holy things.

13 But if the priests daughter be a widow, or divorced, and have no child, and is returned unto her fathers house, as in her youth, she shall eat of her fathers meat; but there shall no stranger eat thereof.

14 ¶ And if a man eat of the holy thing unwittingly, then he shall put the fifth part thereof unto it, and shall give it unto the priest, with the holy thing.

15 And they shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel which they offer unto the LORD:

16 Or suffer them to bear the iniquity of trespass, when they eat their holy things: for I the LORD do sanctifie them.

17 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

18 Speak unto Aaron, and to his sons, and say unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them, whatsoever be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers in Israel, that will offer his oblation for all his vows, and for all his free-will-offerings, which they will offer unto the LORD for a burnt-offering;

19 Ye shall offer at your own will a male without blemish of the beeves, of the sheep, or of the goats.

20 But whatsoever hath a blemish, that shall ye not offer; for it shall not be acceptable for you.

21 And whosoever offereth a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto the LORD, to accomplish his vow, or a free-will-offering in beeves, or sheep, it shall be perfect, to be accepted: there shall be no blemish therein.

22 Blinde, or broken, or maimed, or having a wen, or scurvy, or scabbed, ye shall not offer these unto the LORD, nor make an offering by fire of them upon the altar unto the LORD.

23 Either a bullock, or a lamb that hath any thing superfluous, or lacking in his parts, that mayest thou offer for a free-will-offering; but for a vow it shall not be accepted.

24 Ye shall not offer unto the LORD that which is bruised, or crushed, or broken, or cut; neither shall you make any offering thereof in your land.

25 Neither from a strangers hand shall ye offer the bread of your God of any of these; because their corruption is in them, and blemishes be in them: they shall not be accepted for you.

26 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

27 When a bullock, or a sheep, or a goat is brought forth, then it shall be seven days under the dam; and from the eighth day and thenceforth, it shall be accepted for an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

28 And whether it be cow or ewe, ye shall not kill it and her young both in one day.

29 And when ye will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the LORD, offer it at your own will.

30 On the same day it shall be eaten up, ye shall leave none of it until the morrow: I am the LORD.

31 Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: I am the LORD.

32 Neither shall ye profane my holy name, but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel: I am the LORD which hallow you,

33 That brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 The sabbath. 4 The passover. 9 The feast of first-fruits. 15 Of Pentecost.

23 The feast of trumpets. 26 The day of atonement. 33 The feast of tabernacles.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel,

and say unto them, Concerning the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts.

3 Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

4 ¶ These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.

5 In the fourteenth day of the first month at even, is the LORDS passover.

6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month, is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven dayes ye must eat unleavened bread.

7 In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work therein.

8 But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD seven dayes: in the seventh day is an holy convocation, ye shall do no servile work therein.

9 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, when ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the first-fruits of your harvest unto the priest:

11 And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

12 And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf, an hee-lamb without blemish, of the first year, for a burnt-offering unto the LORD.

13 And the meat-offering thereof shall be two tenth-deals of fine flour mingled with oyl, an offering made by fire unto the LORD for a sweet savour: and the drink-offering thereof shall be of wine, the fourth part of an hin.

14 And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the self-same day that ye have brought an offering unto your God: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations, in all your dwellings.

15 ¶ And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave-offering; seven sabbaths shall be compleat:

16 Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath, shall ye number fifty dayes, and ye shall offer a new meat-offering unto the LORD.

17 Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave-loaves, of two tenth-deals: they shall be of fine flour, they shall be baked with leaven, they are the first-fruits unto the LORD.

18 And ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish, of the first year, and one young bullock and two rams: they shall be for a burnt-offering unto the LORD, with their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, even an offering made by fire of sweet savour unto the LORD.

19 Then ye shall sacrifice one kid of the goats, for a sin-offering, and two lambs

lambs of the first year, for a sacrifice of peace-offerings.

20 And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the first-fruits, for a wave-offering before the LORD, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to the LORD for the priests.

21 And ye shall proclaim on the self-same day, that it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

22 ¶ And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean-riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleanings of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the LORD your God.

23 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month shall ye have a sabbath: a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.

25 Ye shall do no servile work therein; but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

26 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

27 Also on the tenth day of this seventh month, there shall be a day of atonement, it shall be an holy convocation unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

28 And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God.

29 For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people.

30 And whatsoever soul it be that doth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people.

31 Ye shall do no manner of work: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

32 It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, & ye shall afflict your souls in ninth day of the month at even: from even unto even shall ye celebrate your sabbath.

33 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD.

35 On the first day shall be an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

36 Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you, and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a solemn assembly, and ye shall do no servile work therein.

37 These are the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, a burnt-offering, and a meat-offering, a sacrifice, and drink-offerings, every thing upon his day:

38 Beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your free-will-offerings, which ye give unto the LORD.

39 Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath.

40 And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm-trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.

41 And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year: it shall be a statute for ever in your generations, ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

42 Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born, shall dwell in booths.

43 That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

44 And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 The oil for the lamps. 5 The shew-bread. 10, 13, 23 Touching blasphemy, 17 murder, 18 and damage.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel, that they bring unto thee pure oil-olive, beaten, for the light, to cause the lamps to burn continually.

3 Without the vail of the testimony, in the tabernacle of the congregation, shall Aaron order it from the evening unto the morning, before the LORD continually: it shall be a statute for ever in your generations.

4 He shall order the lamps upon the pure candlestick before the LORD continually.

5 ¶ And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes thereof: two tenth-deals shall be in one cake.

6 And thou shalt set them in two rows, six on a row, upon the pure table, before the LORD.

7 And thou shalt put pure frankincense upon each row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, even an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

8 Every sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD continually, being taken from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant.

9 And it shall be Aarons and his sons, and they shall eat it in the holy place; for it is most holy unto him, of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, by a perpetual statute.

10 ¶ And the son of an Israelitish woman, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel; and this son of the Israelitish woman, and a man of Israel strove together in the camp;

11 And the Israelitish woman's son blasphemed the name of the LORD, and cursed; and they brought him unto Moses (& his mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan)

12 And they put him in ward, that the minde of the LORD might be shewed them.

13 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

14 Bring forth him that hath cursed, without the camp, and let all that heard him, lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him.

15 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, whosoever curseth his God, shall bear his sin.

16 And he that blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name of the LORD, shall be put to death.

17 ¶ And he that killeth any man, shall surely be put to death.

18 And he that killeth a beast, shall make it good; beast for beast.

19 And if a man cause a blemish in his neighbour; as he hath done, so shall it be done unto him:

20 Breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; as he hath caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be done to him again.

21 And he that killeth a beast, he shall restore it: and he that killeth a man, he shall be put to death.

22 Ye shall have one manner of law, as well for the stranger, as for one of your own country: for I am the LORD your God.

23 ¶ And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, that they should bring forth him that had cursed, out of the camp, and stone him with stones: and the children of Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAP. XXV.

1 The sabbath of the seventh year. 3 The year of jubile. 14 Of oppression.

35 Compassion on the poor.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, when ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the LORD.

3 Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof.

4 But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard.

5 That which groweth of it own accord of thy harvest, thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed: for it is a year of rest unto the land.

6 And the sabbath of the land shall be meat for you; for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for the stranger that sojourneth with thee,

7 And for thy catel, and for the beasts that are in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be meat.

8 ¶ And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years, and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee fourty and nine years.

9 Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of

the jubile to sound, on the tenth day of the seventh month; in the day of atonement, shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land.

10 And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim libertie throughout all the land, unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you, and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.

11 A jubile shall the fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of it self in it, nor gather the grapes in it of thy vine undressed:

12 For it is the jubile, it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field.

13 In the year of this jubile ye shall return every man unto his possession.

14 And if thou sell ought unto thy neighbour, or buyest ought of thy neighbour's hand; ye shall not oppress one another:

15 According to the number of years after the jubile, thou shalt buy of thy neighbour, and according unto the number of years of the fruits he shall sell unto thee:

16 According to the multitude of years thou shalt increase the price thereof, and according to the fewness of years thou shalt diminish the price of it: for according to the number of the years of the fruits doth he sell unto thee.

17 Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I am the LORD your God.

18 ¶ Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgements, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety.

19 And the land shall yeeld her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety.

20 And if ye shall say, what shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase:

21 Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.

22 And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat yet of old fruit, untill the ninth year; untill her fruits come in, ye shall eat of the old store.

23 ¶ The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine, for ye are strangers and sojourners with me.

24 And in all the land of your possession, ye shall grant a redemption for the land.

25 ¶ If chy brother be waxen poor, and hath sold away some of his possession, and if any of his kin come to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold.

26 And if the man have none to redeem it, and himself be able to redeem it:

27 Then let him count the years of the sale thereof, and restore the overplus unto the man to whom he sold it; that he may return unto his possession.

28 But if he be not able to restore it to him, then that which is sold, shall remain in the hand of him that hath bought it, untill the year of jubile: and in the jubile it shall go out, and he shall return unto his possession.

19 And if a man sell a dwelling-house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it is sold: *within a full year* may he redeem it.

30 And if it be not redeemed within the space of a full year; then the house that is in the walled city, shall be established for ever to him that bought it, throughout his generations: it shall not go out in the jubile.

31 But the houses of the villages which have no walls round about them, shall be counted as the fields of the country: they may be redeemed, and they shall go out in the jubile.

32 Notwithstanding, the cities of the Levites, and the houses of the cities of their possession, may the Levites redeem at any time.

33 And if a man purchase of the Levites, then the house that was sold, and the city of his possession shall go out in the year of jubile: for the houses of the cities of the Levites are their possession among the children of Israel.

34 But the field of the suburbs of their cities may not be sold, for it is their perpetual possession.

35 ¶ And if thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay with thee; then thou shalt relieve him: *yea though he be a stranger, or a sojourner*; that he may live with thee.

36 Take thou no usury of him, or increase: but fear thy God; that thy brother may live with thee.

37 Thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury, nor lend him thy victuals for increase.

38 I am the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God.

39 ¶ And if thy brother that dwelleth by thee be waxen poor, and be sold unto thee; thou shalt not compell him to serve as a bond-servant:

40 But as an hired servant, and as a sojourner, he shall be with thee, and shall serve thee unto the year of jubile.

41 And then shall he depart from thee, both he and his children with him, and shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of his fathers shall he return.

42 For they are my servants, which I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: they shall not be sold as bond-men.

43 Thou shalt not rule over him with rigour, but shalt fear thy God.

44 Both thy bond-men, and thy bond-maids, which thou shalt have, shall be of the heathen that are round about you; of them shall ye buy bond-men and bond-maids.

45 Moreover, of the children of the strangers that do sojourn among you; of them shall ye buy, and of their families ye are with you, which they begat in your land: and they shall be your possession.

46 And ye shall take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit them for a possession, they shall be your bond-men for ever: but over your brethren the children of Israel, ye shall not rule one over another with rigour.

47 ¶ And if a sojourner or stranger wax

rich by thee, and thy brother that dwelleth by him wax poor, and sell himself unto the stranger or sojourner by thee, or to the flock of the strangers family:

48 After that he is sold, he may be redeemed again; one of his brethren may redeem him:

49 Either his uncle, or his uncle's son may redeem him, or any y^e is nigh of kin unto him, of his family, may redeem him; or if he be able, he may redeem himself.

50 And he shall reckon with him that bought him, from the year y^e he was sold to him, unto the year of jubile: and the price of his sale shall be according unto the number of years, according to y^e time of an hired servant shall it be with him.

51 If there be yet many years behind, according unto them he shall give again the price of his redemption, out of the money that he was bought for.

52 And if there remain but few years unto the year of jubile, then he shall count with him, and according unto his years shall he give him again the price of his redemption.

53 And as a yearly hired servant shall he be with him: and the other shall not rule with rigour over him in thy sight.

54 And if he be not redeemed in these years, then he shall go out in the year of jubile, both he, & his children with him.

55 For unto me the children of Israel are servants, they are my servants whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 Of idolatry. 2 Religiousness. 3 A blessing to them that keep the commandments. 4 A curse to the breakers.

YE shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land, to bowe down unto it; for I am the LORD your God.

2 Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD.

3 ¶ If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;

4 Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

5 And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.

6 And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.

7 And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword.

8 And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

9 For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.

10 And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new.

11 And I will set my tabernacle among you; and my soul shall not abhor you.

12 And I will walk among you, and will

be your God, and ye shall be my people.

13 I am the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bondmen, and I have broken the bands of your yoke, and made you go upright.

14 ¶ But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments;

15 And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgements, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant;

16 I also will do this unto you, I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning-ague; that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart; and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.

17 And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies; they that hate you shall reign over you, and ye shall flee when none pursueth you.

18 And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.

19 And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass;

20 And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.

21 ¶ And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you, according to your sins.

22 I will also send wilde beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattel, and make you few in number, and your high-ways shall be desolate.

23 And if ye will not be reformed by these things, but will walk contrary unto me:

24 Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.

25 And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrell of my covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.

26 And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat and not be satisfied.

27 And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me:

28 Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.

29 And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat.

30 And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcases upon the carcases of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you.

31 And I will make your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savour of your sweet odours.

32 And I will bring the land into de-

solation: and your enemies which dwell therein, shall be astonished at it.

33 And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.

34 Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye be in your enemies land; even then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths.

35 As long as it lieth desolate, it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sabbaths when ye dwelt upon it.

36 And upon them that are left alive of you, I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword: and they shall fall when none pursueth.

37 And they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursueth: and ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies.

38 And ye shall perish among the heathen, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up.

39 And they that are left of you, shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them.

40 If they shall confesse their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me;

41 And that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies, if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity:

42 Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.

43 The land also shall be left of them, and shall enjoy her sabbaths, while the land desolate without them: and they shall accept of the punishment of their iniquity; because, even because they despised my judgements, and because their soul abhorred my statutes.

44 And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhorre them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I am the LORD their God.

45 But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt, in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I am the LORD.

46 These are the statutes, and judgements, and laws, which the LORD made between him and the children of Israel, in mount Sinai, by the hand of Moses.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 Concerning vows. 28 No devoted thing may be redeemed. 31 The tithe may not be changed.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, when a man shall make a singular vow, the person *shall be* for the LORD, by thy estimation.

3 And thy estimation shall be, of the male from twenty years old, even unto sixty yearsold; even thy estimation shall be fifty shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary.

4 And if it *be* a female, then thy estimation shall be thirty shekels.

5 And if it *be* from five yearsold, even unto twenty years old; then thy estimation shall be of the male twenty shekels, and for the female ten shekels.

6 And if it *be* from a monthold, even unto five years old; then thy estimation shall be of the male five shekels of silver, and for the female thy estimation shall be three shekels of silver.

7 And if it *be* from sixty yearsold, and above; if it *be* a male, then thy estimation shall be fifteen shekels, and for the female ten shekels.

8 But if he *be* poorer then thy estimation; then he shall present himself before the priest, and the priest shall value him: according to his ability that vowed shall the priest value him.

9 And if it *be* a beast whereof men bring an offering unto the LORD; all that any man giveth of such unto the LORD, shall be holy.

10 He shall not alter it, nor change it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good: and if he shall at all change beast for beast; then it, and the exchange thereof shall be holy.

11 And if it *be* any unclean beast, of which they do not offer a sacrifice unto the LORD; then he shall present the beast before the priest.

12 And the priest shall value it, whether it *be* good or bad: as thou valuest it *shalt* say the priest, so shall it *be*.

13 But if he will at all redeem it, then he shall add a fifth part thereof unto thy estimation.

14 ¶ And when a man shall sanctify his house to *be* holy unto the LORD; then the priest shall estimate it, whether it *be* good or bad: as the priest shall estimate it, so shall it stand.

15 And if he that sanctified it, will redeem his house, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall *be* his.

16 And if a man shall sanctify unto the LORD some part of a field of his possession; then thy estimation shall be according to the seed thereof: an homer of barley seed shall be valued at fifty shekels of silver.

17 If he sanctify his field from the year of jubile, according to thy estimation it shall stand.

18 But if he sanctify his field after the jubile, then the priest shall reckon unto him the money according to the years

that remain, even unto the year of the jubile, and it shall be abated from thy estimation.

19 And if he that sanctified the field, will in any wise redeem it; then he shall add the fifth part of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be assured to him.

20 And if he will not redeem the field, or if he have sold the field to another man; it shall not be redeemed any more.

21 But the field, when it goeth out in the jubile, shall be holy unto the LORD, as a field devoted; the possession thereof shall be the priests.

22 And if a man sanctify unto the LORD a field which he hath bought, which is not of the fields of his possession;

23 Then the priest shall reckon unto him the worth of thy estimation, even unto the year of the jubile: and he shall give thine estimation in that day, as a holy thing unto the LORD.

24 In the year of the jubile, the field shall return unto him of whom it was bought, even to him to whom the possession of the land did belong.

25 And all thy estimations shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary: twenty gerahs shall be the shekel.

26 ¶ Onely the firstling of the beasts, which should be the LORDS firstling, no man shall sanctify it; whether it *be* ox or sheep: it is the LORDS.

27 And if it *be* of an unclean beast, then he shall redeem it according to thine estimation, and shall add a fifth part of it thereto: or if it *be* not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to thy estimation.

28 Notwithstanding, no devoted thing that a man shall devote unto the LORD, of all that he hath, both of man and beasts, and of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed: every devoted thing is most holy unto the LORD.

29 None devoted, which shall be devoted of men, shall be redeemed: it shall surely be put to death.

30 And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORDS: it is holy unto the LORD.

31 And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof.

32 And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod; the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD.

33 He shall not search whether it *be* good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he change it at all, then both it and the change thereof shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.

34 These are the commandments which the LORD commanded Moses, for the children of Israel, in mount Sinai.

THE FOURTH BOOK OF MOSES, called
NUMBERS.

CHAP. I.

The people numbered. 47 The Levites are exempted for the service of the Lord.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the first day of the second month, in the second year, after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

2 Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of *their* names, every male by their poll:

3 From twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel; thou and Aaron shall number them by their armies.

4 And with you there shall be a man of every tribe; every one head of the house of his fathers.

5 ¶ And these *are* the names of the men that shall stand with you; of the tribe of Reuben; Elizur son of Shedeur.

6 Of Simeon; Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

7 Of Judah; Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

8 Of Issachar; Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

9 Of Zebulun; Eliab the son of Helon.

10 Of the children of Joseph; of Ephraim, Elihama the son of Ammihud; of Manasseh, Gamaliel son of Pedahzur.

11 Of Benjamin; Abidan the son of Gideon.

12 Of Dan; Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

13 Of Asher; Pagiel the son of Ocran.

14 Of Gad; Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

15 Of Naphtali; Ahirah the son of Enan.

16 These *were* the renowned of the congregation, princes of the tribes of their fathers, heads of thousands in Israel.

17 ¶ And Moses and Aaron took these men, which are expressed by *their* names.

18 And they assembled all the congregation together on the first day of the second month, and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, by their poll.

19 As the LORD commanded Moses, so he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai.

20 And the children of Reuben Israel's eldest son, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, by their poll, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

21 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Reuben, *were* forty and six thousand and five hundred.

22 ¶ Of the children of Simeon, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, those that were numbered of them, according to the number of the names by their polls, every

male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

23 Those that *were* numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Simeon, *were* fifty and nine thousand and three hundred.

24 Of the children of Gad, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

25 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Gad, *were* forty and five thousand six hundred and fifty.

26 ¶ Of the children of Judah, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

27 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Judah, *were* three-score & fourteen thousand & six hundred.

28 ¶ Of the children of Issachar, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

29 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Issachar, *were* fifty and four thousand and four hundred.

30 ¶ Of the children of Zebulun, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

31 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Zebulun, *were* fifty and seven thousand and four hundred.

32 ¶ Of the children of Joseph, namely, of the children of Ephraim, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

33 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Ephraim, *were* forty thousand and five hundred.

34 ¶ Of the children of Manasseh, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

35 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Manasseh, *were* thirty and two thousand and two hundred.

36 ¶ Of the children of Benjamin, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

37 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Benjamin, *were* thirty and five thousand & four hundred.

38 ¶ Of the children of Dan, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the

number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

39 Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Dan, were three-score and two thousand & seven hundred.

40 ¶ Of the children of Asher, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

41 Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Asher, were forty and one thousand and five hundred.

42 ¶ Of the children of Naphtali, throughout their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

43 Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Naphtali, were fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

44 These are those that were numbered, which Moses and Aaron numbered, and the princes of Israel, being twelve men: each one was for the house of his fathers.

45 So were all those that were numbered of the children of Israel, by the house of their fathers, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war in Israel;

46 Even all they that were numbered, were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.

47 ¶ But the Levites, after the tribe of their fathers, were not numbered among them.

48 For the LORD had spoken unto Moses, saying,

49 Only thou shalt not number the tribe of Levi, neither take the sum of them among the children of Israel:

50 But thou shalt appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of testimony, and over all the vessels thereof, and over all things that belong to it: they shall bear the tabernacle, and all the vessels thereof, & they shall minister unto it, and shall encamp round about the tabernacle.

51 And when the tabernacle setteth forward, the Levites shall take it down: and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up: and the stranger that cometh nigh, shall be put to death.

52 And the children of Israel shall pitch their tents every man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, throughout their hosts.

53 But the Levites shall pitch round about the tabernacle of testimony; that there be no wrath upon the congregation of the children of Israel: and the Levites shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of testimony.

54 And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did they.

CHAP. II.

1 The order of the tribes in their tents. And the LORD spake unto Moses, and unto Aaron, saying,

2 Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their fathers' house; far off

about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch.

3 ¶ And on the east-side toward the rising of the sun, shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah pitch, throughout their armies: and Nahshon the son of Amminadab shall be captain of the children of Judah.

4 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were three-score and fourteen thousand and six hundred.

5 And those that do pitch next unto him, shall be the tribe of Issachar: and Nethaneel the son of Zuar shall be captain of the children of Issachar.

6 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were fifty and four thousand and four hundred.

7 Then the tribe of Zebulun: and Eliab the son of Helon, shall be captain of the children of Zebulun.

8 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were fifty and seven thousand and four hundred.

9 All that were numbered in the camp of Judah, were an hundred thousand and four-score thousand and six thousand and four hundred, throughout their armies: these shall first set forth.

10 ¶ On the south-side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben, according to their armies: and the captain of the children of Reuben, shall be Elizur the son of Shedeur.

11 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were forty and six thousand and five hundred.

12 And those which pitch by him, shall be the tribe of Simeon: and the captain of the children of Simeon, shall be Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

13 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were fifty and nine thousand and three hundred.

14 Then the tribe of Gad; and the captain of the sons of Gad, shall be Eliasaph the son of Reuel.

15 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty and five thousand and six hundred and fifty.

16 All that were numbered in the camp of Reuben, were an hundred thousand and fifty and one thousand and four hundred and fifty throughout their armies: & they shall set forth in the second rank.

17 ¶ Then the tabernacle of the congregation shall set forward with the camp of the Levites, in the midst of the camp: as they encamp, so shall they set forward, every man in his place by their standards.

18 ¶ On the west-side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim, according to their armies: and the captain of the sons of Ephraim, shall be Elishama the son of Ammihud.

19 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty thousand and five hundred.

20 And by him shall be the tribe of Manasse: and the captain of the children of Manasse, shall be Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

21 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were thirty and two thousand and two hundred.

22 Then the tribe of Benjamin: and the captain of the sons of Benjamin, shall be Abidan the son of Gideon.

23 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were thirty and five thousand and four hundred.

24 All that were numbered of the camp of Ephraim, were an hundred thousand and eight thousand and an hundred, throughout their armies: and they shall go forward in the third rank.

25 ¶ The standard of the camp of Dan shall be on the north side by their armies: and the captain of the children of Dan, shall be Abiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

26 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were three score and two thousand and seven hundred.

27 And those that encamp by him, shall be the tribe of Asher; and the captain of the children of Asher, shall be Pagiel the son of Ocran.

28 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty and one thousand and five hundred.

29 Then the tribe of Naphtali: and the captain of the children of Naphtali, shall be Abira the son of Enan.

30 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

31 All they that were numbered in the camp of Dan, were an hundred thousand and fifty and seven thousand and six hundred: they shall go hindmost with their standards.

32 ¶ These are those which were numbered of the children of Israel by the house of their fathers; all those that were numbered of the camps throughout their hosts, were six hundred thousand & three thousand and five hundred and fifty.

33 But the Levites were not numbered among the children of Israel, as the LORD commanded Moses.

34 And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses: so they pitched by their standards, and so they set forward, every one after their families, according to the house of their fathers.

CHAPTER III.

1 The sons of Aaron; the Levites are given for the service of the tabernacle, in stead of the first-born.

These are the generations of Aaron and Moses, in the day that the LORD spake with Moses in mount Sinai.

2 And these are the names of the sons of Aaron; Nadab the first-born, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

3 These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests which were appointed, whom he consecrated to minister in the priests office.

4 And Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD, when they offered strange fire before the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no children: and Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the priests office, in the sight of Aaron their father.

5 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

6 Bring the tribe of Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister unto him.

7 And they shall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of the congregation, to do the service of the tabernacle.

8 And they shall keep all the instruments of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the children of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle.

9 And thou shalt give the Levites unto Aaron and to his sons: they are wholly given unto him out of the children of Israel.

10 And thou shalt appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall wait on their priests office: and the stranger that cometh nigh, shall be put to death.

11 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

12 And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel, in stead of all the first-born that openeth the matrix among the children of Israel: therefore the Levites shall be mine,

13 Because all the first-born are mine; for on the day that I smote all the first-born in the land of Egypt, I hallowed unto me all the first-born in Israel, both man and beast, mine they shall be: I am the LORD.

14 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying,

15 Number the children of Levi, after the house of their fathers, by their families; every male from a month old and upward, shalt thou number them.

16 And Moses numbered them according to the word of the LORD, as he was commanded.

17 And these were the sons of Levi, by their names; Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari.

18 And these are the names of the sons of Gershon by their families; Libni, and Shimei.

19 And the sons of Kohath by their families; Amram, and Izehar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

20 And the sons of Merari by their families; Mabli, and Musi: these are the families of the Levites, according to the house of their fathers.

21 Of Gershon was the family of the Libnites, and the family of the Shimeites: these are the families of the Gershonites.

22 Those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, even those that were numbered of them, were seven thousand and five hundred.

23 The families of the Gershonites shall pitch behind the tabernacle westward.

24 And the chief of the house of the father of the Gershonites, shall be Eliasaph the son of Lael.

25 And the charge of the sons of Gershon, in the tabernacle of the congregation, shall be the tabernacle, and the tent, the covering thereof, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

26 And the hangings of the court, and the curtain for the door of the court, which is by the tabernacle, and by the altar round about, and the cords of it, for all the service thereof.

27 ¶ And of Kohath was the family of the Amramites, and the family of the Izeharites, and the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites.

Itzharrites, and the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites: these are the families of the Kohathites.

28 In the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, were eight thousand and six hundred, keeping the charge of the sanctuary.

29 The families of the sons of Kohath, shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle southward.

30 And the chief of the house of the father of the families of the Kohathites, shall be Elizaphan the son of Uzziel.

31 And their charge shall be the ark, and the table, and the candlestick, and the altars, and the vessels of the sanctuary wherewith they minister, and the hanging, and all the service thereof.

32 And Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, shall be chief over the chief of the Levites, and have the oversight of them that keep the charge of the sanctuary.

33 ¶ Of Merari was the family of the Mahlites, and the family of the Mushites: these are the families of Merari.

34 And those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males from a month old and upward, were six thousand and two hundred.

35 And the chief of the house of the father of the families of Merari, was Zariel the son of Abihail: these shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle northward.

36 And under the custody and charge of the sons of Merari, shall be the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and the sockets thereof, and all the vessels thereof, and all that serveth thereto,

37 And the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords.

38 ¶ But those that encamp before the tabernacle toward the east, even before the tabernacle of the congregation eastward, shall be Moses and Aaron, and his sons, keeping the charge of the sanctuary, for the charge of the children of Israel; and the stranger that cometh nigh, shall be put to death.

39 All that were numbered of the Levites, which Moses and Aaron numbered at the commandment of the LORD, throughout their families, all the males from a month old and upward, were twenty and two thousand.

40 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses. Number all the first-born of the males of the children of Israel, from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names.

41 And thou shalt take the Levites for me (I am the LORD) in stead of all the first-born among the children of Israel; and the cattel of the Levites, in stead of all the firstlings among the cattel of the children of Israel.

42 And Moses numbered, as the LORD commanded him, all the first-born among the children of Israel.

43 And all the first-born males, by the number of names, from a month old and upward, of those that were numbered of them, were twenty and two thousand two hundred and threescore and thirteen.

44 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

45 Take the Levites in stead of all the first-born among the children of Israel, and the cattel of the Levites in stead of their cattel, and the Levites shall be mine: I am the LORD.

46 And for those that are to be redeemed of the two hundred and threescore and thirteen, of the first-born of the children of Israel, which are more than the Levites;

47 Thou shalt even take five shekels a piece by the poll, after the shekel of the sanctuary shalt thou take them; the shekel is twentie gerahs.

48 And thou shalt give the money, wherewith the odde number of them is to be redeemed, unto Aaron & to his sons.

49 And Moses took the redemption-money of them that were over and above them that were redeemed by the Levites.

50 Of the first-born of the children of Israel took he the money; a thousand three hundred and threescore and five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary.

51 And Moses gave the money of them that were redeemed, unto Aaron, and to his sons, according to the word of the LORD, as the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAP. IV.

1 The age and time of the Levites service. 17 The office of the priests.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, and unto Aaron, saying,

2 Take the sum of the sons of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, after their families, by the house of their fathers;

3 From thirty years old and upward, even untill fifty years old, all that enter into the host, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 This shall be the service of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation, about the most holy things.

5 ¶ And when the camp setteth forward, Aaron shall come and his sons, and they shall take down the covering vail, and cover the ark of testimonie with it;

6 And shall put thereon the covering of badgers skins, and shall spread over it a cloth wholly of blue, and shall put in the staves thereof.

7 And upon the table of shew-bread they shall spread a cloth of blue, and put thereon the dishes, and the spoons, and 9 bowls, and covers to cover withall: and the continuall bread shall be thereon.

8 And they shall spread upon them a cloth of scarlet, and cover the same with a covering of badgers skins, and shall put in the staves hereof.

9 And they shall take a cloth of blue, and cover the candlestick of the light, and his lamps, and his tongs, and his snuff-dishes, and all the oil-vessels thereof, wherewith they minister unto it.

10 And they shall put it and all the vessels thereof within a covering of badgers skins, and shall put it upon a bar.

11 And upon the golden altar they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of badgers skins, and shall put to the staves thereof.

12 And they shall take all the instruments of ministry, wherewith they minister in the sanctuary, and put them in a cloth of blue, and cover them with a covering

- The Levites service, Numbers, and their number.**
- vering of badgers skins, and shall put them on a bar.
- 13 And they shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a purple cloth thereon:
- 14 And they shall put upon it all the vessels thereof, wherewith they minister about it, even the censers, the flesh-hooks, and the shovels, and the basons, all the vessels of the altar; and they shall spread upon it a covering of badgers skins, and put to the staves of it.
- 15 And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the sanctuary, and all the vessels of the sanctuary, as the camp is to set forward; after that, the sons of Kohath shall come to bear it: but they shall not touch any holy thing, lest they die. These things are the burden of the sons of Kohath, in the tabernacle of the congregation.
- 16 ¶ And to the office of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, *pettameneth* the oyl for the light, and the sweet incense, and the daily meat-offering, and the anointing oyl, and the oversight of all the tabernacle, and of all that therein is, in the sanctuary, and in the vessels thereof.
- 17 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, and unto Aaron, saying,
- 18 Cut ye not off the tribe of the families of the Kohathites, from among the Levites.
- 19 But thus do unto them, that they may live and not die, when they approach unto the most holy thing; Aaron and his sons shall go in, and appoint them every one to his service, and to his burden.
- 20 But they shall not go in to see when the holy things are covered, lest they die.
- 21 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
- 22 Take also the sum of the sons of Gershon, throughout the houses of their fathers by their families;
- 23 From thirty years old and upward, until fifty years old shalt thou number them; all that enter in to perform the service, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.
- 24 This is the service of the families of the Gershonites, to serve, and for burdens.
- 25 And they shall bear the curtains of the tabernacle, and the tabernacle of the congregation, his covering, and the covering of the badgers skins that is above upon it, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation,
- 26 And the hangings of the court, and the hanging for the door of the gate of the court which is by the tabernacle and by the altar round about, and their cords, and all the instruments of their service, and all that is made for them: so shall they serve.
- 27 At the appointment of Aaron and his sons, shall be all the service of the sons of the Gershonites, in all their burdens, and in all their service: and ye shall appoint unto them in charge all their burdens.
- 28 This is the service of the families of the sons of Gershon, in the tabernacle of the congregation: and their charge shall be under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.
- 29 ¶ As for the sons of Merari, thou shalt number them after their families, by the house of their fathers;
- 30 From thirty years old and upward, even unto fifty years old shalt thou number them, every one that enteth into the service, to do the work of the tabernacle of the congregation.
- 31 And this is the charge of their burden, according to all their service in the tabernacle of the congregation; the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, & the pillars thereof, & sockets thereof,
- 32 And the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords, with all their instruments, and with all their service: and by name ye shall reckon the instruments of the charge of their burden.
- 33 This is the service of the families of the sons of Merari, according to all their service in the tabernacle of the congregation, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.
- 34 ¶ And Moses and Aaron and the chief of the congregation numbered the sons of the Kohathites after their families, and after the house of their fathers;
- 35 From thirty years old and upward, even unto fifty years old, every one that enteth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation;
- 36 And those that were numbered of them by their families, were two thousand seven hundred and fifty.
- 37 These were they that were numbered of the families of the Kohathites, all y might do service in the tabernacle of y congregation; which Moses and Aaron did number, according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.
- 38 And those that were numbered of the sons of Gershon, throughout their families, and by the house of their fathers;
- 39 From thirty years old and upward, even unto fifty years old, every one that enteth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation;
- 40 Even those that were numbered of them, throughout their families, by the houses of their fathers, were two thousand and six hundred and thirty.
- 41 These are they that were numbered of the families of the sons of Gershon, of all that might do service in the tabernacle of the congregation, whom Moses and Aaron did number, according to the commandment of the LORD.
- 42 ¶ And those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, throughout their families, by the house of their fathers;
- 43 From thirty years old and upward, even unto fifty years old, every one that enteth in to the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation;
- 44 Even those that were numbered of them after their families, were three thousand and two hundred.
- 45 These be those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.
- 46 All those that were numbered of the Levites whom Moses and Aaron and the chief of Israel numbered, after their families, and after the house of their fathers;

47 From thirty years old and upward, even unto fifty years old, every one that came to do the service of the ministration, and the service of the burden in the tabernacle of the congregation;

48 Even those that were numbered of them were eight thousand and five hundred and fourscore.

49 According to the commandment of the LORD, they were numbered by the hand of Moses, every one according to his service, and according to his burden: thus were they numbered of him, as the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAP. V.

1 The unclean are removed out of the camp. 5 Retribution is to be made in trespasses. 11 The trial of jealousy.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel, that they put out of the camp every leper, and every one that hath an issue, and whosoever is defiled by the dead,

3 Both male and female shall ye put out, without the camp shall ye put them; that they defile not their camps in the midst whereof I dwell.

4 And the children of Israel did so, and put them out without the camp: as the LORD spake unto Moses, so did the children of Israel.

5 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

6 Speak unto the children of Israel, when a man or woman shall commit any sin that men commit, to do a trespass against the LORD, and that person be guilty;

7 Then they shall confesse their sin which they have done: and he shall recompense his trespass with the principall thereof, and add unto it the fifth part thereof, and give it unto him against whom he hath trespassed.

8 But if the man have no kinsman to recompense the trespass unto, let the trespass be recompensed unto the LORD, even to the priest: beside the ram of the atonement, whereby an atonement shall be made for him.

9 And every offering of all the holy things of the children of Israel, which they bring unto the priest, shall be his.

10 And every mans hallowed things shall be his: whatsoever any man giveth the priest, it shall be his.

11 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

12 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any mans wife go aside, and commit a trespass against him,

13 And a man lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and he be kept close, and she be defiled, and there be no witness against her, neither she be taken with the manner;

14 And the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled, or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled:

15 Then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, and he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth part of an ephah of barley-meal; he shall pour no

oil upon it, nor put frankincense thereon, for it is an offering of jealousy, an offering of memoriall, bringing iniquity to remembrance.

16 And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before the LORD.

17 And the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel, and of the dust that is in the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take, and put it into the water.

18 And the priest shall set the woman before the LORD, and uncover the womans head, and put the offering of memoriall in her hands, which is the jealousy-offering: and the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that causeth the curse.

19 And the priest shall charge her by an oath, and say unto the woman, If no man have lien with thee, and if thou hast not gone aside to uncleanness with another instead of thy husband, bee thou free from this bitter water that causeth the curse:

20 But if thou hast gone aside to another in stead of thy husband, and if thou be defiled, and some man hath lien with thee beside thine husband:

21 Then the priest shall charge the woman with an oath of cursing, and the priest shall say unto the woman, The LORD make thee a curse and an oath among thy people, when the LORD doth make thy thigh to rot, and thy belly to swell;

22 And this water that causeth the curse shall go into thy bowels, to make thy belly to swell and thy thigh to rot: and the woman shall say, Amen, Amen.

23 And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall blot them out with the bitter water:

24 And he shall cause the woman to drink the bitter water that causeth the curse: and the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, and become bitter.

25 Then the priest shall take the jealousy-offering out of the womans hands, and shall wave the offering before the LORD, and offer it upon the altar.

26 And the priest shall take an handful of the offering, even the memoriall thereof, and burn it upon the altar, and afterward shall cause the woman to drink the water.

27 And when he hath made her to drink the water, then it shall come to passe, that if she be defiled, and have done a trespass against her husband; that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, and become bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot: and the woman shall be a curse among her people.

28 And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be free, and shall conceive seed.

29 This is the law of jealousies, when a wife goeth aside to another in stead of her husband, and is defiled;

30 Or when the spirit of jealousy cometh upon him, and he be jealous over his wife, and shall set the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law.

31 Then shall the man be guiltlesse from iniquity, and this woman shall bear her iniquity.

CHAP. VI.

1 The law of the Nazarites. 22 The form of blessing the people.

And the LORD spake unto Moses,

1 saying,
2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, when either man or woman shall separate themselves to vow a vow of a Nazarite, to separate themselves unto the LORD:

3 He shall separate himself from wine, and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes or dried.

4 All the dayes of his separation shall he eat nothing that is made of the vine-tree, from the kernels even to the husk.

5 All the dayes of his separation, there shall no razor come upon his head: until the dayes be fulfilled in the which he separateth himself unto the LORD, he shall be holy; and shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow.

6 All the dayes that he separateth himself unto the LORD, he shall come at no dead body.

7 He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die: because the consecration of his God is upon his head.

8 All the dayes of his separation he is holy unto the LORD.

9 And if any man die very suddenly by him, and he hath defiled the head of his consecration; then he shall shave his head in the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day shall he shave it.

10 And on the eighth day he shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons unto the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

11 And the priest shall offer the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, and make an atonement for him, for that he sinned by the dead, and shall hallow his head that same day.

12 And he shall consecrate unto the LORD the dayes of his separation, and shall bring a lamb of the first year for a trespass-offering: but the dayes that were before shall be lost, because his separation was defiled.

13 ¶ And this is the law of the Nazarite: when the dayes of his separation are fulfilled, he shall be brought unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

14 And he shall offer his offering unto the LORD, one hee-lamb of the first year without blemish, for a burnt-offering, and one ewe-lamb of the first year without blemish, for a sin-offering, and one lamb without blemish, for peace-offerings,

15 And a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mingled with oyl, and wafers of unleavened bread anointed with oyl, and their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings.

16 And the priest shall bring them before the LORD, and shall offer his sin-offering, and his burnt-offering.

17 And he shall offer the ram for a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto the

LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread: the priest shall offer also his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

18 And the Nazarite shall have the head of his separation, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation; and shall take the hair of the head of his separation, and put it in the fire which is under the sacrifice of the peace-offerings.

19 And the priest shall take the sodden shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer; and shall put them upon the hands of the Nazarite, after the hair of his separation is shaven.

20 And the priest shall wave them for a wave-offering before the LORD; this is holy for the priest, with the wave-breast, and heave-shoulder: and after that, the Nazarite may drink wine.

21 This is the law of the Nazarite, who hath vowed, and of his offering unto the LORD for his separation, besides that that his hand shall get: according to the vow which he vowed, so he must do after the law of his separation.

22 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them,

24 The LORD bless thee, & keep thee:

25 The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

26 The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

27 And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel, and I will bless them.

CHAP. VII.

1 The princes offering at the dedication of the tabernacle; 10 at the dedication of the altar. 89 God speaketh to Moses from the mercy-seat.

And it came to passe on the day that Moses had fully set up the tabernacle, and had anointed it, and sanctified it, and all the instruments thereof, both the altar and all the vessels thereof, and had anointed them, and sanctified them;

2 That the princes of Israel, heads of the house of their fathers (who were the princes of the tribes, and were over them that were numbered) offered:

3 And they brought their offering before the LORD, six covered wagons, and twelve oxen; a wagon for two of the princes, and for each one an ox: and they brought them before the tabernacle.

4 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

5 Take it of them, that they may be to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; and thou shalt give them unto the Levites, to every man according to his service.

6 And Moses took the wagons and the oxen, and gave them unto the Levites.

7 Two wagons and four oxen he gave unto the sons of Gershon, according to their service.

8 And four wagons and eight oxen he gave unto the sons of Merari, according unto their service, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

9 But unto the sons of Kohath he gave none: because the service of the sanctuary

Sanctuary belonging unto them, *was* that they should bear upon their shoulders.

10 ¶ And the princes offered for dedicating of the altar, in the day that it was anointed, even the princes offered their offering before the altar.

11 And the L O R D said unto Moses, They shall offer their offering each prince on his day, for the dedicating of the altar.

12 ¶ And he that offered his offering the first day, was Nahihon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah.

13 And his offering *was* one silver charger, the weight thereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels* after the *shekel* of the sanctuary, both of them *were* full of fine flour mingled with oyl for a meat-offering:

14 One spoon of ten *shekels* of gold, full of incense:

15 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

16 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

17 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* *y* offering of Nahihon *y* son of Amminadab.

18 ¶ On the second day Nethaneel the son of Zuar, prince of Issachar, did offer.

19 He offered for his offering one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels* after *y* *shekel* of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering:

20 One spoon of gold of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

21 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of *y* first year, for a burnt-offering:

22 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

23 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

24 ¶ On the third day Eliab the son of Helon, prince of the children of Zebulun, did offer.

25 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels* after the *shekel* of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl for a meat-offering:

26 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

27 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

28 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

29 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

30 ¶ On the fourth day Elizur the son of Shedeur, prince of the children of Reuben, did offer.

31 His offering *was* one silver charger, of an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels* after the *shekel* of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering:

32 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

33 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of *y* first year, for a burnt-offering:

34 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

35 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

36 ¶ On the fifth day Shelumiel the son of Zurihaddai, prince of the children of Simeon, did offer.

37 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels* after the *shekel* of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering:

38 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

39 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of *y* first year, for a burnt-offering:

40 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

41 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurihaddai.

42 ¶ On the sixth day Eliasaph the son of Deuel, prince of the children of Gad, offered.

43 His offering *was* one silver charger, of the weight of an hundred and thirty *shekels*, a silver bowl of seventy *shekels* after the *shekel* of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering:

44 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

45 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

46 One kid of *y* goats for a sin-offering:

47 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

48 ¶ On the seventh day Elihama the son of Ammid, prince of the children of Ephraim, offered.

49 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels* after the *shekel* of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering:

50 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

51 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of *y* first year, for a burnt-offering:

52 One kid of *y* goats for a sin-offering:

53 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Elihama the son of Ammid.

54 ¶ On the eighth day offered Gammaliel the son of Pedazur, prince of the children of Manasseh.

55 His offering *was* one silver charger of an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels* after the *shekel* of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering:

56 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

The princes offerings.

Numbers.

The Levites consecration.

57 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering :

58 One kid of 7 goats for a sin-offering :

59 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedazur.

60 ¶ On the ninth day Abidan the son of Gideon, prince of the children of Benjamin, offered.

61 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, a silver bowl of seventy shekels after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering :

62 One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense :

63 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of 7 first year, for a burnt-offering :

64 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering :

65 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Abidan the son of Gideon.

66 ¶ On the tenth day Abiezer the son of Ammihaddai, prince of the children of Dan, offered.

67 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering :

68 One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense :

69 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of 7 first year, for a burnt-offering :

70 One kid of 7 goats for a sin-offering :

71 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of 7 first year. This was the offering of Abiezer the son of Ammihaddai.

72 ¶ On the eleventh day Pagiel the son of Ocran, prince of the children of Asher, offered.

73 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering :

74 One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense :

75 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of 7 first year, for a burnt-offering :

76 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering :

77 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Pagiel the son of Ocran.

78 ¶ On the twelfth day Ahira the son of Enan, prince of the children of Naphtali, offered.

79 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering :

80 One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense :

81 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering :

82 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering :

83 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

84 This was the dedication of the altar (in the day when it was anointed) by the princes of Israel : twelve chargers of silver, twelve silver bowls, twelve spoons of gold :

85 Each charger of silver weighing an hundred and thirty shekels, each bowl seventy : all the silver vessels weighed two thousand and four hundred shekels after the shekel of the sanctuary.

86 The golden spoons were twelve, full of incense, weighing ten shekels a piece, after the shekel of the sanctuary : all the gold of the spoons was an hundred and twenty shekels.

87 All the oxen for the burnt-offering were twelve bullocks, the rams twelve, the lambs of the first year twelve, with their meat-offering : and the kids of the goats for a sin-offering, twelve.

88 And all the oxen for the sacrifice of the peace-offerings, were twenty and four bullocks, the rams sixty, the he-goats sixty, the lambs of the first year sixty. This was the dedication of the altar, after that it was anointed.

89 And when Moses was gone into the tabernacle of the congregation, to speak with him ; then he heard the voice of one speaking unto him from off the mercy-seat that was upon the ark of testimony, from between the two cherubims : and he spake unto him.

CHAP. VIII.

1 How the lamps are to be lighted. 5 The consecration of the Levites. 23 The age and time of their service.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto Aaron, and say unto him, when thou lightest the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light over against the candlestick.

3 And Aaron did so ; he lighted the lamps thereof, over against the candlestick ; as the LORD commanded Moses.

4 And this work of the candlestick was of beaten gold, unto the shaft thereof, unto the flowers thereof, was beaten work : according unto the pattern which the LORD had shewed Moses, so he made the candlestick.

5 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

6 Take the Levites from among the children of Israel, and cleanse them.

7 And thus shalt thou do unto them, to cleanse them : sprinkle water of purifying upon them, and let them shave all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and so make themselves clean.

8 Then let them take a young bullock with his meat-offering, even fine flour mingled with oyl, and another young bullock shalt thou take for a sin-offering.

9 And thou shalt bring the Levites before the tabernacle of the congregation ; and thou shalt gather the whole assembly of the children of Israel together :

10 And thou shalt bring the Levites before 7 LORD, and 7 children of Israel

shall put their hands upon the Levites:

11 And Aaron shall offer the Levites before the LORD, for an offering of the children of Israel; that they may execute the service of the LORD.

12 And the Levites shall lay their hands upon the heads of the bullocks: and thou shalt offer the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering unto the LORD, to make an atonement for the Levites.

13 And thou shalt set the Levites before Aaron, and before his sons, and offer them for an offering unto the LORD.

14 Thus shalt thou separate the Levites from among the children of Israel: and the Levites shall be mine.

15 And after that, shall the Levites go in, to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt cleanse them, and offer them for an offering.

16 For they are wholly given unto me from among the children of Israel; in stead of such as open every womb, even in stead of the first-born of all the children of Israel, have I taken them unto me.

17 For all the first-born of the children of Israel are mine, both man and beast: on the day that I smote every first-born in the land of Egypt, I sanctified them for my self.

18 And I have taken the Levites for all the first-born of the children of Israel.

19 And I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and to his sons, from among the children of Israel; to do the service of the children of Israel in the tabernacle of the congregation, and to make an atonement for the children of Israel: that there be no plague among the children of Israel, when the children of Israel come nigh unto the sanctuary.

20 And Moses and Aaron, and all the congregation of the children of Israel did to the Levites according unto all that the LORD commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did the children of Israel unto them.

21 And the Levites were purified, and they washed their clothes: and Aaron offered them as an offering before the LORD; and Aaron made an atonement for them to cleanse them.

22 And after that went the Levites in, to do their service in the tabernacle of the congregation before Aaron and before his sons: as the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did they unto them.

23 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

24 This is it that belongeth unto the Levites: from twenty and five years old, and upward, they shall go in to wait upon the service of the tabernacle of the congregation:

25 And from the age of fifty years they shall cease waiting upon the service thereof, and shall serve no more:

26 But shall minister with their brethren in the tabernacle of the congregation, to keep the charge, and shall do no service. Thus shalt thou do unto the Levites touching their charge.

1 The passover again commanded, & a second passover allowed for the unclean, or absent. 13 The cloud guided the Israelites.

And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year, after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

2 Let the children of Israel also keep the passover at his appointed season.

3 In the fourteenth day of this month at even, ye shall keep it in his appointed season: according to all the rites of it, and according to all the ceremonies thereof shall ye keep it.

4 And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, that they should keep the passover.

5 And they kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month at even, in the wilderness of Sinai: according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did the children of Israel.

6 ¶ And there were certain men who were defiled by the dead body of a man, that they could not keep the passover on that day: and they came before Moses, and before Aaron on that day.

7 And those men said unto him, we are defiled by the dead body of a man: wherefore are we kept back, that we may not offer an offering of the LORD in his appointed season among the children of Israel?

8 And Moses said unto them, Stand still, and I will hear what the LORD will command concerning you.

9 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

10 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If any man of you or of your posterity shall be unclean by reason of a dead body, or be in a journey after off, yet ye shall keep the passover unto the LORD.

11 The fourteenth day of the second month at even they shall keep it, and eat it with unleavened bread & bitter herbs.

12 They shall leave none of it unto the morning, nor break any bone of it: according to all the ordinances of the passover, they shall keep it.

13 But the man that is clean, and is not in a journey, and forbeareth to keep the passover, even the same soul shall be cut off from his people, because he brought not the offering of the LORD in his appointed season, that man shall bear his sin.

14 And if a stranger shall sojourn among you, and will keep the passover unto the LORD, according to the ordinance of the passover, and according to the manner thereof, so shall he do: ye shall have one ordinance, both for the stranger, and for him that was born in the land.

15 ¶ And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, namely, the tent of the testimony: and at even there was upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until the morning.

16 So it was always: the cloud covered it by day: and the appearance of fire by night.

17 And when the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle; then after that, the children of Israel journeyed: and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Israel pitched their tents.

18 At the commandment of the LORD the children of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of the LORD they pitched; as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle, they rested in the tents.

19 And when the cloud tarried long upon the tabernacle many dayes, then the children of Israel kept the charge of the LORD, and journeyed not.

20 And so it was when the cloud was a few dayes upon the tabernacle; according to the commandment of the LORD they abode in their tents, and according to the commandment of the LORD they journeyed.

21 And so it was when the cloud abode from even unto the morning, and that the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they journeyed: whether it was by day or by night that the cloud was taken up, they journeyed.

22 Or whether it were two dayes, or a moneth, or a year that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, remaining thereon, the children of Israel abode in their tents, and journeyed not: but when it was taken up, they journeyed.

23 At the commandment of the LORD they rested in the tents, and at the commandment of the LORD they journeyed: they kept the charge of the LORD, at the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

CHAP. X.

3 The use of the silver trumpets. 33 The blessing of Moses at the removing and resting of the ark.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

1 Make thee two trumpets of silver; of an whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps.

2 And when they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

3 And if they blow but with one trumpet, then the princes, which are heads of the thousand of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee.

4 When ye blow an alarm, then the camps that lie on the east parts shall go forward.

5 When you blow an alarm the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side, shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeyes.

6 But when the congregation is to be gathered together, you shall blow, but you shall not sound an alarm.

7 And the sons of Aaron the priests, shall blow with the trumpets; and they shall be to you for an ordinance for ever throughout your generations.

8 And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you; then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpet: and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God; and ye shall be saved from your enemies.

10 Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn dayes, and in the beginnings of your moneths, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt-offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; that they may be to you for memoriall before your God: I am the LORD your God.

11 ¶ And it came to passe on the twentieth day of the second moneth in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the testimony.

12 And the children of Israel made their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud rested in the wilderness of Paran.

13 And they first took their journey according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

14 ¶ In the first place went the standard of the camp of the children of Israel according to their armies: & over the host was Nahbi the son of Amminadab.

15 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Issachar, was Nethan the son of Zuar.

16 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Zebulun, was Eliab the son of Helon.

17 And the tabernacle was taken down, and the sons of Gerson and the son of Merari set forward, bearing the tabernacle.

18 ¶ And the standard of the camp of Reuben set forward according to their armies: and over his host was Elizur the son of Shedeur.

19 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Simeon, was Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

20 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Gad, was Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

21 And the Koharhites set forward, bearing the sanctuary; and the other camps set up the tabernacle against they came.

22 ¶ And the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set forward according to their armies: and over his host was Elihama the son of Ammishaddai.

23 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Manasseh, was Gamali the son of Pedazur.

24 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, was Abihai the son of Gideoni.

25 ¶ And the standard of the camp of the children of Dan set forward, and was the reerward of all the camps throughout their hosts: and over his host was Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

26 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Asher, was Pagiel the son of Ocran.

27 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Naphtali, was Ahira the son of Enau.

28 Thus were the journeyings of the children of Israel, according to their armies, when they set forward.

29 ¶ And Moses said unto Hobab, the son of Raguel the Midianite, Moses mine inlaw, we are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said, I will give thee: come thou with us, and we will do thee good: for the LORD hath spoken good concerning Israel.

And he said unto him, I will not go; but I will depart to mine own land, and to my kindred.

31 And he said, Leave us not, I pray thee; for as much as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and thou mayest be to us in stead of eyes.

32 And it shall be, if thou go with us, yea it shall be, that what goodnesse the LORD shall do unto us, the same will we do unto thee.

33 ¶ And they departed from the mount of the LORD three dayes journey; and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them in the three dayes journey, to search out a resting-place for them.

34 And the cloud of the LORD was upon them by day, when they went out of the camp.

35 And it came to passe when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee, flee before thee.

36 And when it rested, he said, Return, O LORD, unto the many thousands of Israel.

CHAP. XI.

1 The fire quenched by Moses prayer.

2 The people loathing Manna, lust for flesh. 31 Quails are given in wrath.

And when the people complained, it displeased the LORD: and the LORD heard it, and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp.

2 And the people cried unto Moses; and when Moses prayed unto the LORD, the fire was quenched.

3 And he called the name of the place Taberah; because the fire of the LORD burnt among them.

4 ¶ And the mixt multitude that was among them fell a lusting; and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, who shall give us flesh to eat?

5 We remember the fish which we did eat in Egypt freely; and the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlicke.

6 But now our soul is dried away; there is nothing at all, besides this manna, before our eyes.

7 And the manna was as coriander seed, and the colour thereof as the colour of bdellium.

8 And the people went about, and gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in a mortar, and baked it in pans, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oyl.

9 And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it.

10 ¶ Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent; and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased.

11 And Moses said unto the LORD, wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me?

12 Have I conceived all this people?

have I begotten them, that thou shouldst say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom (as a nursing father beareth the sucking child) unto the land which thou swearst unto their fathers?

13 whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat.

14 I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me.

15 And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand; if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchednesse.

16 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee.

17 And I will come down and talk with thee there; and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thy self alone.

18 And say thou unto the people, Sanctifie yourselves against to morrow, and ye shall eat flesh (for you have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, who shall give us flesh to eat? for it was well with us in Egypt) therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat.

19 Ye shall not eat one day, nor two dayes, nor five dayes, neither ten dayes, nor twenty dayes;

20 But even a whole moneth, untill it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you: because that ye have despised the LORD which is among you, and have wept before him, saying, why came we forth out of Egypt?

21 And Moses said, The people amongst whom I am, are six hundred thousand footmen; & thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole moneth.

22 Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them?

23 And the LORD said unto Moses, Is the LORD'S hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to passe unto thee, or not.

24 ¶ And Moses went out, and told the people the words of the LORD, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the tabernacle.

25 And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders; and it came to passe that when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.

26 But there remained two of the men in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad; and the spirit rested upon them (and they were of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle) and they prophesied in the camp.

27 And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesie in the camp.

23 And Joshua the son of Nun, ſervant of Moſes, one of his young men, answered and ſaid, My lord Moſes, forbid them.

24 And Moſes ſaid unto him, Enyeſt thou for my ſake? would God that all the LORDS people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his ſpirit upon them.

25 And Moſes got him into the camp, he and the elders of Iſrael.

26 ¶ And there went forth a wind from the LORD, and brought quails from the ſea, and let them fall by the camp, as it were a dayes journey on this ſide, and as it were a dayes journey on the other ſide, round about the camp, and as it were two cubits high, upon the face of the earth.

27 And the people ſtood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails; he that gathered leaſt, gathered ten homers: and they ſpread them all abroad for themſelves round about the camp.

28 And while the fleſh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed; the wrath of the LORD was kindled againſt the people, and the LORD ſmote the people with a very great plague.

29 And he called the name of that place, Kibroth-haſſawah: becauſe there they buried the people that liſted.

30 And the people journeyed from Kibroth-haſſawah, unto Hazeroth: and abode at Hazeroth.

CHAP. XII.

1 God rebuketh the ſedition of Miriam and Aaron: 10 Miriams leproſie is healed at the prayer of Moſes.

¶ And Miriam and Aaron ſpoke againſt Moſes, becauſe of the Ethiopian woman, whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman.

2 And they ſaid, Haſt the LORD indeed ſpokeneſe by Moſes? Haſt he not ſpoken alſo by us? And the LORD heard it.

3 (Now the man Moſes was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)

4 And the LORD ſpoke ſuddenly unto Moſes, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three into the tabernacle of the congregation: and they three came out.

5 And the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and ſtood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth.

6 And he ſaid, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make my ſelf known unto him in a viſion, and will ſpeak unto him in a dream.

7 My ſervant Moſes is not ſo, who is faithful in all mine houſe.

8 With him will I ſpeak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark ſpeeches; and the ſimilitude of the LORD ſhall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to ſpeak againſt my ſervant Moſes?

9 And the anger of the LORD was kindled againſt them, and he departed.

10 And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle, and behold, Miriam became leprous, white as ſnow: and Aaron

looked upon Miriam, and behold, ſhe was leprous.

11 And Aaron ſaid unto Moſes, Alas my lord, I beſeech thee, lay not the ſin upon us, wherein we have done fooliſhly, and wherein we have ſinned.

12 Let her not be as one dead; of whom the fleſh is half-conſumed, when he cometh out of his mothers womb.

13 And Moſes cried unto the LORD, ſaying, Heal her now, O God, I beſeech thee.

14 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, If her father had but ſpit in her face, ſhould ſhe not be aſhamed ſeven dayes? let her be ſhut out from the camp ſeven dayes, and after that let her be received in again.

15 And Miriam was ſhut out from the camp ſeven dayes: and the people journeyed not, till Miriam was brought in again.

16 And afterward the people removed from Hazeroth, and pitched in the wilderness of Paran.

CHAP. XIII.

1 The names of the men who were ſent to ſearch the land. 17 Their inſtruction.

21 Their air. 26 Their relation.

¶ And the LORD ſpoke unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Send thou men, that they may ſearch the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Iſrael: of every tribe of their fathers ſhall ye ſend a man, every one a ruler among them.

3 And Moſes by the commandment of the LORD, ſent them from the wilderness of Paran: all thoſe men were heads of the children of Iſrael.

4 And theſe were their names: Of the tribe of Ruben, Shammua the ſon Zaccur.

5 Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the ſon of Hori.

6 Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the ſon of Jephunneh.

7 Of the tribe of Iſſachar, Igal the ſon of Joſeph.

8 Of the tribe of Ephraim, Oſhea the ſon of Nun.

9 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palu the ſon of Raphu.

10 Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the ſon of Sodi.

11 Of the tribe of Joſeph, namely, of the tribe of Manſſeſh, Gaddi the ſon of Suſi.

12 Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the ſon of Gemalli.

13 Of the tribe of Aſher, Sethur the ſon of Michael.

14 Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the ſon of Vopſi.

15 Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the ſon of Machi.

16 Theſe were the names of the men which Moſes ſent to ſpie out the land: and Moſes called Oſhea the ſon of Nun, Jehoiſhua.

17 ¶ And Moſes ſent them to ſpie out the land of Canaan, and ſaid unto them, Get you up this way ſouth-ward, and go up into the mountain:

18 And ſee the land what it is, and the people that dwell therein, whether they be ſtrong or weak, few or many:

19 And what the land is, that they dwell in, whether it be good or bad; and what cities they be that they dwell in, whether in tents, or in strong holds;

20 And what the land is, whether it be fat or lean, whether there be wood therein or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land (now the time was the time of the first ripe grapes)

21 ¶ So they went up, and searched the land, from the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, as men come to Hamath.

22 And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron; where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the children of Anak were (now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt)

23 And they came unto the brook of Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and they brought of the pomegranates, and of the figs.

24 The place was called the brook Eshcol, because of the cluster of grapes which the children of Israel cut down from thence.

25 And they returned from searching of the land after forty days.

26 ¶ And they went and came to Moses and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadish; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.

27 And they told him, and said, we came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it.

28 Nevertheless, the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover, we saw the children of Anak there.

29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.

30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

31 But the men that went up with him, said, we be not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger then we.

32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched, unto the children of Israel, saying, The land through which we have gone, to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof, and all the people that we saw in it, are men of a great stature.

33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which some of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

CHAPTER XIV.

1 The people murmur at the words. 6 Joshua and Caleb labour to still them. 13 Moses obtaineth pardon.

And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried, and the people wept that night.

3 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses, and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto

them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt, or would God we had died in this wilderness.

4 And whosoever hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey: were it not better for us to return into Egypt?

5 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt.

6 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.

7 ¶ And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes.

8 And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land.

9 If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk & honey.

10 Only rebell not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.

11 But all the congregation bade stone them with stones: and the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation, before all the children of Israel.

12 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have shewed among them?

13 I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation, and mightier then they.

14 ¶ And Moses said unto the LORD, Then the Egyptians shall hear it (for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them).

15 And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land: for they have heard that thou LORD art among this people, that thou LORD art seen face to face, and that thy cloud standeth over them, and that thou goest before them, by day-time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.

16 Now if thou shalt kill all this people, as one man, then I nations which have heard thy fame of thee, will speak, saying,

17 Because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land which he swore unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness.

18 And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying,

19 The LORD is long-suffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation.

20 Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people, according unto the greatness of thy mercy; and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt, even until now.

10 And the LORD said, I have pardoned according to thy word :

11 But *as truly as I live*, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.

12 Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice ;

13 Surely they shall not see the land which I swore unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me, see it :

14 But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully ; him will I bring into the land, wherinto he went ; and his seed shall possess it.

15 (Now the Amalekites, and the Canaanites dwell in the valley) to morrow turn you, and get you into the wilderness, by the way of the Red sea.

16 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, and unto Aaron, saying,

17 How long shall I bear with this evil congregation which murmure against me ? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me.

18 Say unto them, *As truly as I live*, saith the LORD, As ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you :

19 Your carcases shall fall in this wilderness ; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me.

20 Doubtlesse ye shall not come into the land concerning which I swore to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Iepbunneh, and Ioshua the son of Nun.

21 But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised :

22 But as for you, your carcases they shall fall in this wilderness.

23 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, untill your carcases be wasted in the wilderness.

24 After the number of the dayes in which ye searched the land, even forty dayes (each day for a year) shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

25 I the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me : in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.

26 And the men which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmure against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land ;

27 Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the LORD.

28 But Ioshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Iepbunneh, which were of the men that went to search the land, lived still.

29 And Moses told these sayings unto

all the children of Israel ; and the people mourned greatly.

40 ¶ And they rose up early in the morning, and gat them up into the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we be here, and will go up unto the place which the LORD hath promised ; for we have sinned.

41 And Moses said, Wherefore now do you transgresse the commandment of the LORD ? but it shall not prosper.

42 Go not up, for the LORD is not among you ; that ye be not smitten before your enemies.

43 For the Amalekites, and the Canaanites are there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword : because ye are turned away from the LORD ; therefore the LORD will not be with you.

44 But they presumed to go up unto the hill top ; nevertheless, the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and Moses departed not out of the camp.

45 Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwell in that hill, and smote them, and discomfited them, even unto Horeb.

CHAPTER XV.

1 *The law of the meat and drink-offering : 13, 29 Of the stranger. 32 The Sabbath-breaker, is stoned.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land of your habitations, which I give unto you,

3 And will make an offering by fire unto the LORD, a burnt-offering or a sacrifice, in performing a vow, or in a free-will-offering, or in your solemn feasts, to make a sweet savour unto the LORD, of the herd or of the flock :

4 Then shall he that offereth his offering unto the LORD, bring a meat-offering, of a tenth-deal of flour mingled with the fourth part of an hin of oyl.

5 And the fourth part of an hin of wine for a drink-offering shalt thou prepare, with the burnt-offering or sacrifice, for one lamb.

6 Or for a ram, thou shalt prepare for a meat-offering, two tenth-deals of flour mingled with the third part of an hin of oyl.

7 And for a drink-offering, thou shalt offer the third part of an hin of wine, for a sweet savour unto the LORD.

8 And when thou preparest a bullock for a burnt-offering, or for a sacrifice in performing a vow, or peace-offerings unto the LORD :

9 Then shall he bring with a bullock a meat-offering of three tenth-deals of flour mingled with half an hin of oyl.

10 And thou shalt bring for a drink-offering half a hin of wine, for an offering made by fire of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

11 Thus shall it be done for one bullock, or for one ram, or for a lamb, or a kid.

12 According to the number that ye shall prepare, so shall ye do to every one, according to their number.

13 All that are born of the country, shall do these things after this manner :

in offering an offering made by fire of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

14 And if a stranger sojourn with you, or whosoever be among you in your generations, and will offer an offering made by fire of a sweet savour unto the LORD: as ye do, so he shall do.

15 One ordinance shall be both for you of the congregation, and also for the stranger that sojourneth with you, an ordinance for ever in your generations: as ye are, so shall the stranger be before the LORD.

16 One law, and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.

17 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

18 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, when ye come into the land whither I bring you,

19 Then it shall be, that when ye eat of the bread of the land, ye shall offer up an heave-offering unto the LORD.

20 Ye shall offer up a cake of the first of your dough, for an heave-offering: as ye do the heave-offering of the threshing-floor, so shall ye heave it.

21 Of the first of your dough ye shall give unto the LORD, an heave-offering in your generations.

22 ¶ And if ye have erred, and not observed all these commandments which the LORD hath spoken unto Moses.

23 Even all that the LORD hath commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day that the LORD commanded Moses, and henceforward among your generations:

24 Then it shall be, if ought be committed by ignorance without the knowledge of the congregation; that all the congregation shall offer one young bullock for a burnt-offering, for a sweet savour unto the LORD, with his meat-offerings, and his drink-offering, according to the manner, and one kid of the goats for a sin-offering.

25 And the priest shall make an atonement for all the congregation of the children of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them, for it is ignorance: & they shall bring their offering, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD, & their sin-offering before the LORD, for their ignorance.

26 And it shall be forgiven all the congregation of the children of Israel, & the stranger that sojourneth among them; seeing all the people were in ignorance.

27 ¶ And if any soul sin through ignorance, then he shall bring a she-goat of the first year for a sin-offering.

28 And the priest shall make an atonement for the soul that sinneth ignorantly, when he sinneth by ignorance before the LORD, to make an atonement for him; and it shall be forgiven him.

29 You shall have one law for him that sinneth through ignorance, both for him that is born among the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them.

30 ¶ But the soul that doth ought presumptuously (whether he be born in the land, or a stranger) like unto the reproacheth the LORD, and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

31 Because he hath despised the word of the LORD, and hath broken his commandment; that soul shall utterly be cut off: his iniquity shall be upon him.

32 ¶ And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the Sabbath-day.

33 And they that found him gathering sticks, brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation.

34 And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him.

35 And the LORD said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp.

36 And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the LORD commanded Moses.

37 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

38 Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments, throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue.

39 And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them: and that ye seek not after your own heart, and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring:

40 That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.

41 I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD your God.

CHAP. XVI.

1 The rebellion of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. 31 The earth swalloweth up Korah, and a fire consumeth others.

Now Korah, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men.

2 And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown.

3 And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, We take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift you up your selves above the congregation of the LORD?

4 And when Moses heard it, he fell upon his face:

5 And he spake unto Korah, and unto all his company, saying, Even to morrow the LORD will shew who are his, and who is holy, and will cause him to come near unto him; even him whom he hath chosen, will he cause to come near unto him.

6 This do: take you censers, Korah, and all his company:

7 And put fire therein, and put incense

In them before the LORD to-morrow: and it shall be that the men whom the LORD doth choose, he shall be holy: ye take too much upon you, ye sons of Levi.

8 And Moses said unto Korah, Hear, I pray you, ye sons of Levi.

9 *Seemeth it but a small thing unto you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself, to do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation, to minister unto them?*

10 And he hath brought thee near to him, and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee: and seek ye the priesthood also?

11 For which cause both thou, and all thy company are gathered together against the LORD: and what is Aaron, that ye murmur against him?

12 ¶ And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab: which said, we will not come up.

13 *Is it a small thing that thou hast brought us up out of a land that floweth with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, except thou make thyself altogether a prince over us?*

14 Moreover, thou hast not brought us into a land that floweth with milk and honey, or given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: wilt thou put out the eyes of these men? we will not come up.

15 And Moses was very wrath, and said unto the LORD, Respect not thou their offering: I have not taken one ass from them, neither have I hurt one of them.

16 And Moses said unto Korah, Be thou and all thy company before the LORD, thou, and they, and Aaron to-morrow:

17 And take every man his censur, and put incense in them, and bring ye before the LORD every man his censur, two hundred and fifty censurs; thou also, and Aaron each of you his censur.

18 And they took every man his censur, and put fire in them, and laid incense thereon, and stood in the door of the tabernacle of the congregation with Moses and Aaron.

19 And Korah gathered all the congregation against them, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the congregation.

20 And the LORD spake unto Moses, and unto Aaron, saying,

21 Separate your selves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.

22 And they fell upon their faces, and said, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation?

23 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

24 Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

25 And Moses rose up, and went unto Dathan and Abiram: and the elders of Israel followed him.

26 And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from

the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their iniquity.

27 So they gat up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram on every side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little children.

28 And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works: for I have not done them of mine own mind.

29 If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; then the LORD hath not sent me.

30 But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them; and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.

31 ¶ And it came to pass as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them:

32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods.

33 They, and all that appertained to them went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.

34 And all Israel that were round about them, fled at the cry of them: for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up also.

35 And there came out a fire from the LORD, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.

36 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

37 Speak unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, that he take up the censers out of the burning, and scatter thou the fire yonder; for they are hallowed.

38 The censers of these sinners against their own souls, let them make them broad plates for a covering of the altar: for they offered them before the LORD, therefore they are hallowed: and they shall be a sign unto the children of Israel.

39 And Eleazar the priest took the brazen censers, wherewith they that were burnt had offered; and they were made broad plates for a covering of the altar:

40 To be a memorial unto the children of Israel, that no stranger, which is not of the seed of Aaron, come near to offer incense before the LORD: that he be not as Korah, and as his company: as the LORD said to him by the hand of Moses.

41 ¶ But on the morrow, all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the LORD.

42 And it came to pass when the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation: and behold the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared.

43 And Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the congregation.

44 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

45 Get you up from among this congregation; I may consume them as in a moment: & they fell upon their faces.

46 ¶ And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the LORD; the plague is begun.

47 And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation: and behold, the plague was begun among the people; and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people.

48 And he stood between the dead and the living, and the plague was stayed.

49 Now they that died in the plague, were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, beside them that died about the matter of Korah.

50 And Aaron returned unto Moses, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation; and the plague was stayed.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *Aaron's rod among all the rods of the tribes only flourisheth. 10 It is left for a monument against the rebels.*

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, & take of every one of them a rod according to the house of their fathers, of all their princes, according to the house of their fathers, twelve rods: write thou every mans name upon his rod.

3 And thou shalt write Aarons name upon the rod of Levi: for one rod shall be for the head of the house of their fathers.

4 And thou shalt lay them up in the tabernacle of the congregation, before the testimony, where I will meet with you.

5 And it shall come to passe, that the mans rod whom I shall choose, shall blossom: and I will make it to cease from me the murmurings of the children of Israel, whereby they murmur against you.

6 ¶ And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, and every one of their princes gave him a rod a piece, for each prince one, according to their fathers houses, even twelve rods: and the rod of Aaron was among their rods.

7 And Moses laid up the rods before the LORD, in the tabernacle of witness.

8 And it came to passe that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.

9 And Moses brought out all the rods from before the LORD, unto all the children of Israel: and they looked and took every man his rod.

10 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Bring Aarons rod again, before the testimony, to be kept for a token against the rebels; and thou shalt quite take away their murmurings from me, that they die not.

11 And Moses did for as the LORD commanded him, as he said.

12 And the children of Israel spake unto Moses, saying, Behold, we die, we perish, we all perish.

13 Whosoever cometh any thing near unto the tabernacle of the LORD, shall die: Shall we be consumed with dying?

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *The charge of the priests, and Levites.*

2 And the LORD said unto Aaron, Thou and thy sons and thy fathers house with thee shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary: and thou and thy sons with thee shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood.

3 And thy brethren also of the tribe of Levi, the tribe of thy father, bring thou with thee, that they may be joyed unto thee, and minister unto thee: but thou and thy sons with thee shall minister before the tabernacle of witness.

4 And they shall keep thy charge, and the charge of all the tabernacle: only they shall not come nigh the vessels of the sanctuary and the altar, that neither they, nor you also die.

5 And they shall be joyed unto thee, and keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, for all the service of the tabernacle: and a stranger shall not come nigh unto you.

6 And ye shall keep the charge of the sanctuary, and the charge of the altar; that there be no wrath any more upon the children of Israel.

7 And I, behold, I have taken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Israel: to you they are given as a gift for the LORD, to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.

8 Therefore thou and thy sons with thee, shall keep your priests office for every thing of the altar, and within the vail, and ye shall serve: I have given your priests office unto you, as a service of gift: and the stranger that cometh nigh, shall be put to death.

9 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Behold, I also have given thee the charge of mine heave-offerings, of all the hallowed things of the children of Israel, unto thee have I given them: by reason of the anointing, and to thy sons by an ordinance for ever.

10 This shall be thine of the most holy things, reserved from the fire: every oblation of theirs, every meat-offering of theirs, and every sin-offering of theirs, and every trespass-offering of theirs, which they shall render unto me, shall be most holy for thee and for thy sons.

11 In the most holy place shalt thou eat it, every male shall eat it: it shall be holy unto thee.

12 And this is thine; the heave-offering of their gift, with all the wave-offerings of the children of Israel: I have given them unto thee, and to thy sons, and to thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: every one that is clean in thy house, shall eat of it.

13 All the best of the oyl, and all the best of the wine, and of the wheat, the first-fruits of them which they shall offer unto the LORD, them have I given thee.

14 And whatsoever is first ripe in the

land, which they shall bring unto the LORD, shall be thine; every one that is clean in thine house, shall eat of it.

14 Every thing devoted in Israel, shall be thine.

15 Every thing that openeth the matrix in all flesh, which they bring unto the LORD, whether it be of men or beasts, shall be thine; nevertheless, the firstborn of man shalt thou surely redeem, and the firstling of unclean beasts shalt thou redeem.

16 And those that are to be redeemed, from a month old shalt thou redeem according to thine estimations, for the money of five shekels after the shekel the sanctuary, which is twenty gerahs.

17 But the firstling of a cow, or the firstling of a sheep, or the firstling of a goat thou shalt not redeem, they are holy, thou shalt sprinkle their blood upon the altar, and shalt burn their fat for an offering made by fire, for a sweet savour unto the LORD.

18 And the flesh of them shall be thine, as the wave-breast and as the right shoulder are thine.

19 All the heave-offerings of the holy things which the children of Israel offer unto the LORD, have I given thee, and thy sons, and thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: it is a covenant of salt for ever, before the LORD, unto thee and to thy seed with thee.

20 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: I am thy part, and thine inheritance among the children of Israel.

21 And behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel, for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.

22 Neither must the children of Israel henceforth come nigh the tabernacle of the congregation, lest they bear sin, and die.

23 But the Levites shall do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they shall bear their iniquity: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations, that among the children of Israel they have no inheritance.

24 But the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer as an heave-offering unto the LORD, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.

25 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

26 Thus speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave-offering of it for the LORD, even a tenth part of the tithe.

27 And this your heave-offering shall be reckoned unto you, as though it were the corn of the threshing-floor, and as the fulness of the wine-press.

28 Thus you also shall offer an heave-offering unto the LORD, of all your tithes which ye receive of the children

of Israel: and ye shall give thereof the LORDS heave-offering to Aaron the priest.

29 Out of all your gifts ye shall offer every heave-offering of the LORD, of all the best thereof, even the hallowed part thereof, out of it.

30 Therefore thou shalt say unto them, when ye have heaved the best thereof from it, then it shall be counted unto the Levites, as the increase of the threshing-floor, and as the increase of the wine-press.

31 And ye shall eat it in every place, ye and your households: for it is your reward for your service, in the tabernacle of the congregation.

32 And ye shall bear no sin, by reason of it, when ye have heaved from it the best of it: neither shall ye pollute y holy things of y children of Israel, lest ye die.

CHAPTER XIX.

1 The water of separation made of the ashes of a red heifer. 11 The law for the use of it in purification of the unclean.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, and unto Aaron, saying,

2 This is the ordinance of the law which the LORD hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring thee a red heifer without spot, wherein is no blemish, and upon which never came yoke.

3 And ye shall give her unto Eleazar the priest, that he may bring her forth without the camp, and one shall slay her before his face.

4 And Eleazar the priest shall rake of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle of her blood directly before the tabernacle of the congregation seven times.

5 And one shall burn the heifer in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall be burnt.

6 And the priest shall take cedar-wood, and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast it into the midst of the burning of the heifer.

7 Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the even.

8 And he that burneth her, shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the even.

9 And a man that is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay them up without the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel; for a water of separation: it is a purification for sin.

10 And he that gathereth the ashes of the heifer, shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: and it shall be unto the children of Israel, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among them, for a statute for ever.

11 ¶ He that toucheth the dead body of any man, shall be unclean seven days.

12 He shall purify himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he purify not himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean.

13 Whosoever toucheth the dead body of any man that is dead, and purifieth

not himself, defileth the tabernacle of the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from Israel; because the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness is yet upon him.

14 This is the law, when a man dieth in a tent; all that come into the tent, and all that is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days.

15 And every open vessel which hath no covering bound upon it, is unclean.

16 And whatsoever toucheth one that is slain with a sword in the open fields, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.

17 And for an unclean person they shall take of the ashes of the burnt heifer of purification for sin, and running water shall be put thereto in a vessel:

18 And a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a grave:

19 And the clean person shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day: and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at even.

20 But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation: because he hath defiled the sanctuary of the LORD, the water of separation hath not been sprinkled upon him, he is unclean.

21 And it shall be a perpetual statute unto them, that he that sprinklerh the water of separation, shall wash his clothes, and he that toucheth the water of separation, shall be unclean untill even.

22 And whatsoever the unclean person toucheth, shall be unclean; and the soul that toucheth is, shall be unclean untill even.

CHAP. XX.

1 The Israelites come to Zin, where Miriam died. 2 They murmur for water. 7 Moses smiting the rock, bringeth forth water at Meribah.

Then came the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin, in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh, and Miriam died there, and was buried there.

2 And there was no water for the congregation; and they gathered themselves together against Moses, and against Aaron.

3 And the people chode with Moses, and spake, saying, would God that we had died when our brethren died before the LORD.

4 And why have ye brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there?

5 And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates, neither is there any water to drink.

6 And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation,

and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto them.

7 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

8 Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation, and their beasts drink.

9 And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him.

10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?

11 And Moses lift up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice, and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.

12 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel: therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

13 This is the water of Meribah, because the children of Israel strove with the LORD: and he was sanctified in them.

14 ¶ And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh, unto the king of Edom, Thus saith thy brother Israel, Thou knowest all the travell that hath befallen us:

15 How our fathers went down into Egypt, and we have dwelt in Egypt a long time: and the Egyptians vexed us, and our fathers.

16 And when we cried unto the LORD, he heard our voice, and sent an Angel, and hath brought us forth out of Egypt: and behold, we are in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost of thy border.

17 Let us passe, I pray thee, through thy country: we will not passe through the fields, or through the vineyards, neither will we drink of the water of the wells: we will go by the kings high way, we will not turn to the right hand nor to the left, untill we have passed thy borders.

18 And Edom said unto him, Thou shalt not passe by me, lest I come out against thee with the sword.

19 And the children of Israel said unto him, We will go by the high way: and if I and my cattle drink of thy water, then I will pay for it: I will only (without doing any thing else) go through on my feet.

20 And he said, Thou shalt not go through. And Edom came out against him with much people, & with a strong hand.

21 Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his border: wherefore Israel turned away from him.

22 ¶ And the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, journeyed from Kadesh, and came unto mount Hor.

23 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in mount Hor, by the coast of the land of Edom, saying,

24 Aaron shall be gathered unto his people: for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Israel, because ye rebelled against my word at the water of Meribah.

25 Take Aaron and Eleazar his son,

and bring them up unto mount Hor.

16 And strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron shall be gathered unto his people, and shall die there.

27 And Moses did as the LORD commanded: and they went up into mount Hor, in the sight of all the congregation.

28 And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there in the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount.

29 And when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they mourned for Aaron thirty dayes, even all the house of Israel.

CHAP. XXI.

1 The Canaanites destroyed. 4 The people murmuring, are plagued with fiery serpents: 7 but repenting, are healed by a brazen serpent.

And when king Arad the Canaanite, which dwelt in the south, heard tell that Israel came by the way of the spies; then he fought against Israel, and took some of them prisoners.

2 And Israel vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities.

3 And the LORD hearkened to the voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; and they utterly destroyed them and their cities: and he called the name of the place Hormah.

4 ¶ And they journeyed from mount Hor, by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way.

5 And the people spake against God, and against Moses, wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt, to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water, and our soul loatheth this light bread.

6 And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people; and they bit the people, and much people of Israel died.

7 ¶ Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, we have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD that he take away the serpents from us; and Moses prayed for the people.

8 And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to passe that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

9 And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to passe, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

10 ¶ And the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in Oboth.

11 And they journeyed from Oboth, and pitched at Ijeabarim, in the wilderness which is before Moab, toward the sun rising.

12 ¶ From thence they removed, and pitched in the valley of Zared:

13 From thence they removed, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, which is in the wilderness that cometh out of

the coast of the Amorites: for Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.

14 wherefore it is said in the book of the wars of the LORD, what he did in the Red sea, and in the brooks of Arnon,

15 And at the stream of the brooks that goeth down to the dwelling of Ar, and lieth upon the border of Moab.

16 And from thence they went to Beer; that is the well wherof the LORD spake unto Moses, Gather the people together, and I will give them water.

17 ¶ Then Israel sang this song, Spring up, O well, sing ye unto it:

18 The princes digged the well, the nobles of the people digged it, by the direction of the law-giver, with their staves. And from the wilderness they went to Mattanah:

19 And from Mattanah to Nahaliel; and from Nahaliel to Bamoth:

20 And from Bamoth in the valley that is in the country of Moab, to the top of Pisgah, which looketh toward Jerihon.

21 ¶ And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, saying,

22 Let me passe through thy land; we will not turn into the fields, or into the vineyards, we will not drink of the waters of the well: but we will go along by the kings high-way, untill we be past thy borders.

23 And Sihon would not suffer Israel to passe through his border: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel into the wilderness: and he came to Jahaz, and fought against Israel.

24 And Israel smote him with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land from Arnon unto Jabbok, even unto the children of Ammon: for the border of the children of Ammon was strong.

25 And Israel took all these cities: and Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heibon, and in all the villages thereof.

26 For Heibon was the city of Sihon king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab, and taken all his land out of his hand, even unto Arnon.

27 wherefore they that speak in proverbs, say, Come into Heibon, let the city of Sinon be built and prepared.

28 For there is a fire gone out of Heibon, a flame from the city of Sihon: it hath consumed Ar of Moab, and the lords of the high places of Arnon.

29 Wo to thee, Moab; thou art undone, O people of Chemosh: he hath given his sons that escaped, and his daughters, into captivity unto Sihon king of the Amorites.

30 we have shot at them; Heibon is perished, even unto Dibon, and we have laid them waste even unto Nophah, which reacheth unto Medeba.

31 ¶ Thus Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorites.

32 And Moses sent to spie out Jaazer, and they took the villages thereof, and drove out the Amorites that were there.

33 ¶ And they turned and went up by the way of Baithan; and Og the king of Baithan

Balaam went out against them, he, and all his people, to the bare of Edrei:

24 And the L O R D said unto Moles, Fear him not: for I have delivered him into thy hand, and all his people, and his land; and thou shalt do to him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon.

25 So they smote him, and his fellows, and all his people, untill there was none left him alive: and they possessed his land.

CHAP. XXII.

1 *Balaam sent me sage for Balaam refused. 15 His second message obtained him. 22 An angel would have slain him, but he is saved by his ass.*

And the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in the plains of Moab, on this side Jordan by Jericho.

2 ¶ And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

3 And Moab was sore afraid of the people, because they were many: and Moab was distressed, because of the children of Israel.

4 And Moab said unto the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all that are round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time.

5 He sent messengers therefore unto Balaam the son of Beor, to Petbor, which is by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt: behold, they cover the face of the earth, & they abide over against me.

6 Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people: for they are too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, that we may smite them, and that I may drive them out of the land; for I wore that he whom thou blestest, is blessed, and he whom thou cursest, is cursed.

7 And the elders of Moab, and the elders of Midian departed, with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came unto Balaam, and spake unto him the words of Balak.

8 And he said unto them, Lodge here this night, & I will bring you word again as the L O R D shall speak unto me: and the princes of Moab abode with Balaam.

9 And God came unto Balaam, and said, What men are these with thee?

10 And Balaam said unto God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, hath sent unto me, saying,

11 Behold, there is a people come out of Egypt, which covereth the face of the earth: Come now, curse me them; peradventure I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out.

12 And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them, thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed.

13 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, Get you into your land; for the L O R D refuseth to give me leave to go with you.

14 And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went unto Balak, and said, Balaam refuseth to come with us.

15 ¶ And Balak sent yet again princes, more, and more honourable than they,

16 And they came to Balaam, and said unto him, Thus saith Balak the son of Zippor, Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me:

17 For I will promote thee unto very great honour, and I will do whatsoever thou sayest unto me: come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people.

18 And Balaam answered, and said unto the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the L O R D my God, to do less or more.

19 Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what the L O R D will say unto me more.

20 And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them; but yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do.

21 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.

22 ¶ And God's anger was kindled, because he went: and the angel of the L O R D stood in the way for an adversary against him: now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him.

23 And the ass saw the angel of the L O R D standing in the way; and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass to turn her into the way.

24 But the angel of the L O R D stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side.

25 And when the ass saw the angel of the L O R D, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaams foot against the wall: and he smote her again.

26 And the angel of the L O R D went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.

27 And when the ass saw the angel of the L O R D, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaams anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff.

28 And the L O R D opened the mouth of the ass, and he said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?

29 And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee.

30 And the ass said unto Balaam, Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine, unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? and he said, Nay.

31 Then the L O R D opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the L O R D standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.

32 And the angel of the L O R D said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to rebuke thee, and thee, because thy way is perverse before me.

33 And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had

turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive.

34 And Balaam said unto the angel of the LORD, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me; now therefore if it displease thee, I will get me back again.

35 And the angel of the LORD said unto Balaam, Go with the men; but obey the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak: So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

36 ¶ And when Balak heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him, unto a city of Moab, which is in the border of Arnon, which is in the utmost coast.

37 And Balak said unto Balaam, Did I not earnestly send unto thee to call thee? wherefore camest thou not unto me? Am I not able indeed to promote thee to honour?

38 And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to say any thing? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak.

39 And Balaam went with Balak, and they came unto Kirjath-huzoth.

40 And Balak offered oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes that were with him,

41 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the high places of Baal, that thence he might see the utmost part of the people.

CHAP. XXIII.

3, 13, 28 *Balak's sacrifice.* 7, 18 *Balaam's parable.*

And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven oxen, and seven rams.

2 And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bullock and a ram.

3 And Balaam said unto Balak, Stand by thy burnt-offering, and I will go: peradventure the LORD will come to meet me: and whatsoever he sheweth me, I will tell thee. And he went to an high place.

4 And God met Balaam; and he said unto him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon every altar a bullock and a ram.

5 And the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth, and he said, Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak.

6 And he returned unto him: and lo, he stood by his burnt-sacrifice, he, and all the princes of Moab.

7 And he took up his parable, and said, Balak the king of Moab hath brought me from Aram, out of the mountains of the east, saying, Come, curse me Jacob, and come, curse Israel.

8 How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I curse, whom the LORD hath not denied?

9 Far from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.

10 Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his.

11 And Balak said unto Balaam, What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse mine enemies, and behold, thou hast blessed them altogether.

12 And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which the LORD hath put in my mouth?

13 And Balak said unto him, Come, I pray thee, with me unto another place, from whence thou mayest see them: thou shalt see but the utmost part of them, and shalt not see them all: and curse me them from thence.

14 ¶ And he brought him into the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar.

15 And he said unto Balak, Stand here by the burnt-offering, while I meet the LORD yonder.

16 And the LORD met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Go again unto Balak, and say thus.

17 And when he came to him, behold, he stood by his burnt-offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said unto him, What hath the LORD spoken?

18 And he took up his parable, and said, Rise up Balak, and hear; hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor:

19 God is not a man, that he should lie, neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

20 Behold, I have received commandment to bless; and he hath blessed, and I cannot reverse it.

21 He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob: neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel: the LORD his God is with him, and the shour of a king is among them.

22 God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn.

23 Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob, and of Israel, what hath God wrought!

24 Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion: he shall not lie down until he eat of the prey, and drink the blood of the slain.

25 ¶ And Balak said unto Balaam, Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all.

26 But Balaam answered and said unto Balak, Told not I thee, saying, All that the LORD speaketh, that I must do?

27 ¶ And Balak said unto Balaam, Come, I pray thee, I will bring thee unto another place; peradventure it will please God, that thou mayest curse me thence from thence.

28 And Balak brought Balaam unto the top of Peor, that looketh toward Jerusalem.

29 And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bullocks, and seven rams.

30 And Balak did as Balaam had said, & offered a bullock & a ram on every altar.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 *Balaam's saving divinations, prophecies of Israel's happiness.* 10 *Balaam's dispraising him.* 25 *The starry stars.*

AND when Balaam saw that he pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he went not as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he let his face toward the wilderness.

2 And Balaam lift up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding in *districts* according to their tribes, and the spirit of God came upon him.

3 And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open, hath said,

4 He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a *trance*, but having his eyes open:

5 How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel!

6 As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the rivers side, as the trees of lign-aloes which the LORD hath planted, and as cedar-trees beside the waters.

7 He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdoms shall be exalted.

8 God brought him forth out of Egypt, he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows.

9 He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee.

10 ¶ And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he smote his hands together: and Balak said unto Balaam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and behold, thou hast altogether blessed them these three times.

11 Therefore now flee thou to thy place: I thought to promote thee unto great honour, but lo, the LORD hath kept thee back from honour.

12 And Balaam said unto Balak, Spake I not also to thy messengers which thou sentest unto me, saying,

13 If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the LORD, to do either good or bad of mine own mind: but what the LORD saith, that will I speak?

14 And now behold, I go unto my people: come therefore, and I will advertise thee, what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days.

15 ¶ And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open, hath said:

16 He hath said which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most high, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a *trance*, but having his eyes open:

17 I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: There shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Scepter shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

18 And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies, and Israel shall do valiantly.

19 Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city.

20 ¶ And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his parable, and said, Amalek was the first of the nations, but his latter end shall be that he perish for ever.

21 And he looked on the Kenites; and took up his parable, and said, Strong is thy dwelling-place, and thou puttest thy nest in a rock.

22 Nevertheless, the Kenite shall be wasted until Ashur shall carry thee away captive.

23 And he took up his parable and said, Alas, who shall live when God doth this!

24 And ships shall come from the coast of Chittim, and shall afflict Ashur, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish for ever.

25 And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place: and Balak also went his way.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 *Israel at Shittim commit whoredom and idolatry. 6 Phinehas killeth Zimri and Cozbi.*

AND Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab.

2 And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods.

3 And Israel joyed himself unto Baal-peor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel.

5 And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men, that were joyed unto Baal-peor.

6 ¶ And behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman, in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

7 And when Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw this, he rose up from amongst the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand:

8 And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly: so the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.

9 And those that died in the plague, were twenty and four thousand.

10 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

11 Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel (while he was zealous for my sake among them) that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy.

12 Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace.

13 And he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel.

The sum of Israel.

Numbers.

The Israelites.

14 Now the name of the Israelite that was slain, *was* that was slain with the Midianitish woman, *was* Zimri the son of Salu, a prince of a chief house among the Simeonites.

15 And the name of the Midianitish woman that was slain, *was* Cozbi the daughter of Zur; he *was* head over a people, and of a chief house in Midian.

16 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

17 Vex the Midianites, and smite them: 18 For they vex you with their wives, wherewith they have beguiled you, in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a prince of Midian their sister, which was slain in the day of the plague, for Peors sake.

C H A P. X X V I.

1 The sum of all Israel is taken in the plain of Moab. 52 The law of dividing the inheritance of the land.

And it came to pass after the plague, that the LORD spake unto Moses, and unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying,

2 Take the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, from twenty years old and upward, throughout their fathers house: all that are able to go to war in Israel.

3 And Moses and Eleazar the priest spake with them in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, saying,

4 Take the sum of the people, from twenty years old and upward; as the LORD commanded Moses and the children of Israel, which went forth out of the land of Egypt.

5 ¶ Reuben the eldest son of Israel: the children of Reuben; Hanoch, of whom cometh the family of the Hanochites: of Pallu, the family of the Pallaites:

6 Of Hefron, the family of the Hefronites: of Carmi, the family of the Carmites.

7 These are the families of the Reubenites: and they that were numbered of them, were forty and three thousand and seven hundred and thirty.

8 And the sons of Pallu; Eliab.

9 And the sons of Eliab; Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram: this is that Dathan and Abiram which were famous in the congregation, who strove against Moses & against Aaron in company of Korah, when they strove against the LORD:

10 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up together with Korah when that company died, what time the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men; and they became a sign.

11 Notwithstanding the children of Korah died not.

12 ¶ The sons of Simeon after their families: of Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites: of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites: of Jachin, the family of the Jachinites:

13 Of Zerah, the family of the Zarahites: of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites.

14 These are the families of the Simeonites, twenty and two thousand and two hundred.

15 ¶ The children of Gad after their families: of Zephon, the family of the Zephonites; of Haggi, the family of the

Haggites: of Shuni, the family of the Shunites:

16 Of Ozai, the family of the Ozaites; of Eri, the family of the Erites:

17 Of Arod, the family of the Arodites; of Areli, the family of the Arielites.

18 These are the families of the children of Gad according to those that were numbered of them, forty thousand and five hundred.

19 ¶ The sons of Judah were Er and Onan: and Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan.

20 And the sons of Judah after their families were; of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites: of Pharez, the family of the Phazrites; of Zerah, the family of the Zarahites:

21 And the sons of Pharez were; of Hefron, the family of the Hefronites: of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites. ...

22 These are the families of Judah according to those that were numbered of them, threescore and sixteen thousand and five hundred.

23 ¶ Of the sons of Issachar after their families; of Tola, the family of the Tolaites; of Pua, the family of the Punites:

24 Of Iashub, the family of the Iashubites: of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites.

25 These are the families of Issachar according to those that were numbered of them, threescore and four thousand and three hundred.

26 ¶ Of the sons of Zebulun after their families: of Sered, the family of the Sardites: of Elon, the family of the Elonites: of Jableel, the family of the Jableelites.

27 These are the families of the Zebulunites according to those that were numbered of them, threescore thousand and five hundred.

28 ¶ The sons of Joseph after their families, were Manasseh and Ephraim.

29 Of the sons of Manasseh; of Machir, the family of the Machirites: and Machir begat Gilead: of Gilead cometh the family of the Gileadites.

30 These are the sons of Gilead; of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites: of Helek, the family of the Helekites:

31 And of Asriel, the family of the Asrielites: and of Shechem, the family of the Shechemites:

32 And of Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites: and of Hepher, the family of the Hepherites.

33 ¶ And Zelophehad the son of Hepher had no sons, but daughters; and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad, were Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milkah, and Tirzah.

34 These are the families of Manasseh, and those that were numbered of them, fifty and two thousand and seven hundred.

35 ¶ These are the sons of Ephraim after their families; of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthelahites: of Becher, the family of the Becherites: of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites.

36 And these are the sons of Shuthelah; of Eran, the family of the Eranites.

37 These are the families of the sons of Ephraim according to those that were numbered of them, thirty and two thousand

land and five hundred. These are the sons of Joseph after their families.

38 ¶ The sons of Benjamin after their families: of Bela, the family of the Belaites: of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites: of Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites:

39 Of Shupham, the family of the Shuphamites: of Hupham, the family of the Huphamites.

40 And the sons of Bela were Ard and Naaman: of Ard, the family of the Ardites: and of Naaman, the family of the Naamites.

41 These are the sons of Benjamin after their families: and they that were numbered of them, were fourty and five thousand and six hundred.

42 ¶ These are the sons of Dan after their families: of Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. These are the families of Dan after their families.

43 All the families of the Shuhamites according to those that were numbered of them, were threescore and four thousand and four hundred.

44 ¶ Of the children of Asher after their families: of Imma, the family of the Immites: of Isui, the family of the Isuites: of Beriash, the family of the Beriashites.

45 Of the sons of Beriash: of Heber, the family of the Hebertes: of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites.

46 And the name of the daughter of Ainer was Sarah.

47 These are the families of the sons of Asher according to those that were numbered of them; who were fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

48 Of the sons of Naphtali after their families: of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites: of Guni, the family of the Gunites.

49 Of Jerer, the family of the Jererites: of Shilleam, the family of the Shilleamites.

50 These are the families of Naphtali according to their families: and they that were numbered of them, were fourty and five thousand and four hundred.

51 These were the numbered of the children of Israel, six hundred thousand and a thousand seven hundred and thirty.

52 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

53 Unto these the land shall be divided for an inheritance, according to the number of names.

54 To many thou shalt give the more inheritance, and to few thou shalt give the less inheritance: to every one shall his inheritance be given, according to those that were numbered of him.

55 Notwithstanding, the land shall be divided by lot: according to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit.

56 According to the lot shall the possession thereof be divided between many and few.

57 ¶ And these are they that were numbered of the Levites, after their families: of Gerthion, the family of the Gerthionites: of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites: of Merari, the family of the Merarites.

58 These are the families of the Le-

vites: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Muithites, the family of the Korathites: and Kohath began Amram.

59 And the name of Amrams wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, whom her mother bare to Levi in Egypt: and she bare unto Amram, Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister.

60 And unto Aaron was born Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

61 And Nadab and Abihu died, when they offered strange fire before the LORD.

62 And those that were numbered of them, were twenty and three thousand, all males from a month old and upward: for they were not numbered among the children of Israel, because there was no inheritance given them among the children of Israel.

63 ¶ These are they that were numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the children of Israel in the plains of Moab, by Jordan near Jericho.

64 But among these there was not a man of them whom Moses and Aaron the priest numbered, when they numbered the children of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai.

65 For the LORD had said of them, They shall surely die in the wilderness: and there was not left man of them, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

C H A P. XXVII.

6 The law of inheritance. 12 Moses being told of his death, saith for a successor.

13 Joshua is appointed.

Then came the daughters of Zelophehad, she had the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasse, of the families of Manasse the son of Joseph: and these are the names of his daughter; Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah, and Mileah, and Tirzah.

2 And they stood before Moses, and before Eleazar the priest, and before the princes, and all the congregation, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,

3 Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not in the company of them gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Korah: but died in his own sin, and had no sons.

4 Why should the name of our father be done away from among his family, because he hath no son? Give unto us therefore a possession among the brethren of our father.

5 And Moses brought their cause before the LORD.

6 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

7 The daughters of Zelophehad speak right: thou shalt surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their fathers brethren: & thou shalt cause inheritance of their father to pass unto them.

8 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter.

9 And if he have no daughter, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his brethren.

10 And if he have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his fathers brethren.

11 And if his father have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his kinsman that is next to him of his family, and he shall possess it: & it shall be unto the children of Israel a statute of judgement, as the LORD commanded Moses.

12 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Get thee up into this mount Abarim, and see the land which I have given unto the children of Israel.

13 And when thou hast seen it, thou also shalt be gathered unto thy people, as Aaron thy brother was gathered.

14 For ye rebelled against my commandment (in the desert of Zin, in the strife of the congregation) to sanctify me at the waters, before their eyes: that is the water of Meribah in Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.

15 ¶ And Moses spake unto the LORD, saying,

16 Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation,

17 which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the LORD be not as sheep which have no shepherd.

18 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him.

19 And set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation: and give him a charge in their sight.

20 And thou shalt put some of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient.

21 And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask counsel for him, after the judgement of Urim before the LORD: at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation.

22 And Moses did as the LORD commanded him: and he took Joshua and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation.

23 And he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 Offerings to be observed. 3 The continual burnt-offering.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, My offering, and my bread for my sacrifices made by fire for a sweet savour unto me, shall ye observe to offer unto me in their due season.

3 And thou shalt say unto them, This is the offering made by fire which ye shall offer unto the LORD; two lambs of the first year without spot day by day, for a continual burnt-offering.

4 The one lamb shalt thou offer in the morning, and the other lamb shalt thou offer at even.

5 And a tenth part of an ephah of flour

for a meat-offering, mingled with the fourth part of an hin of beaten oil.

6 It is a continual burnt-offering which was ordained in mount Sinai for a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.

7 And the drink-offering thereof shall be the fourth part of an hin for the one lamb: in the holy place shalt thou cause the strong wine to be poured unto the LORD for a drink-offering.

8 And the other lamb shalt thou offer at even: as the meat-offering of the morning, and as the drink-offering thereof thou shalt offer it, a sacrifice made by fire of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

9 ¶ And on the sabbath-day, two lambs of the first year without spot, and two tenth-deals of flour for a meat-offering mingled with oil, and the drink-offering thereof.

10 This is the burnt-offering of every sabbath, besides the continual burnt-offering, and his drink-offering.

11 ¶ And in the beginnings of your month ye shall offer a burnt-offering unto the LORD; two young bullocks, and one ram, seven lambs of the first year without spot,

12 And three tenth-deals of flour for a meat-offering, mingled with oil: for one bullock, and two tenth-deals of flour for a meat-offering mingled with oil, for one ram,

13 And a several tenth-deal of flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering, unto one lamb, for a burnt-offering of a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.

14 And their drink-offerings shall be half an hin of wine unto a bullock, and the third part of an hin unto a ram, and a fourth part of an hin unto a lamb: This is the burnt-offering of every month throughout the months of the year.

15 And one kid of the goats for a sin-offering unto the LORD shall be offered, besides the continual burnt-offering, and his drink-offering.

16 And in the fourteenth day of the first month is the pass-over of the LORD.

17 And in the fifteenth day of this month is the feast: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten.

18 In the first day shall be an holy convocation; ye shall do no manner of servile work therein.

19 But ye shall offer a sacrifice made by fire for a burnt-offering unto the LORD; two young bullocks, and one ram, and seven lambs of the first year, they shall be unto you without blemish.

20 And their meat-offering shall be of flour mingled with oils three tenth-deals shall ye offer for a bullock, and two tenth-deals for a ram,

21 A several tenth-deal shalt thou offer for every lamb, throughout seven lambs:

22 And one goat for a sin-offering, to make an atonement for you.

23 Ye shall offer these beside the burnt-offering in the morning, which is for a continual burnt-offering.

24 After this manner ye shall offer daily throughout the seven days, the meat of the sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD: it shall be offered

ed beside the continuall burnt-offering, and his drink-offering.

27 And on the seventh day ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work.

28 ¶ Also in the day of the first-fruits, when ye bring a new meat-offering unto the LORD, after your weeks be out, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work.

29 But ye shall offer the burnt-offering for a sweet savour unto the LORD; two young bullocks, one ram, seven lambs of the first year.

30 And their meat-offering of flour mingled with oil, three tenth-deals unto one bullock, two tenth-deals unto one ram,

31 A severall tenth-deal unto one lamb, throughout the seven lambs :

32 And one kid of the goats, to make an atonement for you :

33 Ye shall offer them besides the continuall burnt-offering, and his meat-offering (they shall be unto you without blemish) and their drink-offerings.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 The offering at the feast of trumpets, 7 at the day of assisting their souls, 13 and on the eighth dayes of the feast of tabernacles.

And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work: it is a day of blowing the trumpets unto you.

2 And ye shall offer a burnt-offering for a sweet savour unto the LORD; one young bullock, one ram, and seven lambs of the first year without blemish :

3 And their meat-offering shall be of flour mingled with oil, three tenth-deals for a bullock, and two tenth-deals for a ram,

4 And one tenth-deal for one lamb, throughout the seven lambs :

5 And one kid of the goats for a sin-offering, to make an atonement for you :

6 Beside the burnt-offering of the month, and his meat-offering, and the daily burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, according unto their manner, for a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.

7 ¶ And ye shall have on the tenth day of this seventh month an holy convocation : and ye shall afflict your souls; ye shall not do any work therein.

8 But ye shall offer a burnt-offering unto the LORD for a sweet savour, one young bullock, one ram, and seven lambs of the first year, they shall be unto you without blemish :

9 And their meat-offering shall be of flour mingled with oil, three tenth-deals to a bullock, and two tenth-deals to one ram,

10 A severall tenth-deal for one lamb, throughout the seven lambs :

11 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering, beside the sin-offering of atonement, and the continuall burnt-offering, and the meat-offering of it, and their drink-offerings.

12 And on the sixteenth day of the seventh month, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work,

and ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven dayes.

13 And ye shall offer a burnt-offering a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD; thirteen young bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year, they shall be without blemish :

14 And their meat-offering shall be of flour mingled with oil, three tenth-deals unto every bullock of the thirteen bullocks, two tenth-deals to each ram of the two rams,

15 And a severall tenth-deal to each lamb of the fourteen lambs :

16 And one kid of the goats for a sin-offering, beside the continuall burnt-offering, his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

17 ¶ And on the second day ye shall offer twelve young bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without spot :

18 And their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner :

19 And one kid of the goats for a sin-offering, beside the continuall burnt-offering, and the meat-offering thereof, and their drink-offerings.

20 ¶ And on the third day eleven bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish :

21 And their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner :

22 And one goat for a sin-offering, beside the continuall burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

23 ¶ And on the fourth day ten bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish :

24 Their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner :

25 And one kid of the goats for a sin-offering, beside the continuall burnt-offering, his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

26 ¶ And on the fifth day nine bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without spot.

27 And their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner :

28 And one goat for a sin-offering, beside the continuall burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

29 ¶ And on the sixth day eight bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish :

30 And their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner :

31 And one goat for a sin-offering, beside the continuall burnt-offering, his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

32 ¶ And on the seventh day seven bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish :

33 And their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according

ing to their number, after this manner :

34 And one goat for a sin-offering, beside the continuall burnt-offering, his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

35 ¶ On the eighth day ye shall have a solemn assembly: ye shall do no servile work therein.

36 But ye shall offer a burnt-offering, sacrifices made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD; one bullock, one ram, seven lambs of the first year without blemish;

37 Their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullock, for the ram, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner :

38 And one goat for a sin-offering, beside the continuall burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

39 These things ye shall do unto the LORD in your set feasts, besides your vows, and your free-will-offerings, for your burnt-offerings, and for your meat-offerings, and for your drink-offerings, and for your peace-offerings.

40 And Moses told the children of Israel, according to all that the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAP. XXX.

1 Vows are not to be broken. 3 The exception of a maid's vow, 5 Of a widow, 9 Of a widow, or her that is divorced.

And Moses spake unto the heads of the Tribes, concerning the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded.

2 If a man vow a vow unto the LORD, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.

3 If a woman also vow a vow unto the LORD, and binde her self by a bond, being in her father's house in her youth;

4 And her father hear her vow, and her bond wherewith the hath bound her soul, and her father shall hold his peace at her: then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith the hath bound her soul, shall stand.

5 But if her father disallow her in the day that he heareth; not any of her vows or of her bonds wherewith the hath bound her soul, shall stand: and the LORD shall forgive her, because her father disallowed her.

6 And if she had at all an husband when she vowed, or uttered ought out of her lips, wherewith the bound her soul;

7 And her husband heard it, and held his peace at her in the day that he heard it: then her vows shall stand, and her bonds wherewith the bound her soul, shall stand.

8 But if her husband disallow her on the day that he heard it, then he shall make her vow which she vowed, and that which she uttered with her lips, wherewith the bound her soul, of none effect: and the LORD shall forgive her.

9 But every vow of a widow, and of her that is divorced, wherewith they have bound their souls, shall stand against her.

10 And if she vowed in her husband's house, or bound her soul by a bond with an oath;

11 And her husband heard it, and held his peace at her, and disallowed her vows: then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith the bound her soul, shall stand.

12 But if her husband hath utterly made them void on the day he heard them; then whatsoever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the bond of her soul, shall not stand: her husband hath made them void, and the LORD shall forgive her.

13 Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may make it void.

14 But if her husband altogether hold his peace at her, from day to day, then he establisheth all her vows, or all her bonds which are upon her: he confirmeth them, because he held his peace at her in the day that he heard them.

15 But if he shall any wayes make them void after that he hath heard them; then he shall bear her iniquity.

16 These are the statutes which the LORD commanded Moses between a man and his wife, between the father and his daughter being yet in her youth in her father's house.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 The Midianites are spoiled, and Balaam slain. 42 The voluntary oblation unto the treasure of the Lord.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Avenge the children of Israel of the Midianites: afterward shalt thou be gathered unto thy people.

3 And Moses spake unto the people, saying, Arm some of your selves unto the war, and let them go against the Midianites, and avenge the LORD of Midian.

4 Of every tribe a thousand, throughout all the tribes of Israel, shall ye send to the war.

5 So there were delivered out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand of every tribe, twelve thousand armed for war.

6 And Moses sent them to the war, a thousand of every tribe, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the holy instruments, and the trumpets to blow, in his hand.

7 And they warred against the Midianites, as the LORD commanded Moses; and they slew all the males.

8 And they slew the kings of Midian, beside the rest of them that were slain; namely, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, five kings of Midian: Balaam also the son of Beor they slew with the sword.

9 And the children of Israel took all the women of Midian captives, and their little ones, & took spoil of all their cattle, & all their flocks, & all their goods.

10 And they burnt all their cities wherein they dwell, and all their goodly castles with fire.

11 And they took all the spoil, and all the prey, both of men and of beasts.

12 And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil unto Moses and Eleazar the priest, and unto the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the camp at the plains of Moab; which are by Jordan near Jericho,

13 ¶ And Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and all the princes of the congregation, went forth to meet them without the camp.

14 And Moses was wroth with the officers of the host, with the captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, which came from the battel.

15 And Moses said unto them, Have ye saved all the women alive?

16 Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, & there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.

17 Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that hath known man by lying with him.

18 But all the women-children that have not known a man by lying with him, keep alive for your selves.

19 And do ye abide without the camp seven dayes: whosoever hath killed any person, and whosoever hath touched any slain, purifie each your selves and your captives, on the third day, and on the seventh day.

20 And purifie all your raiment, and all that is made of skins, and all work of goats hair, and all things made of wood.

21 ¶ And Eleazar the priest said unto the men of war which went to the battel, This is the ordinance of the law which the LORD commanded Moses:

22 Onely the gold, and the silver, the brasse, the iron, the tin, and the lead,

23 Everything that may abide the fire, ye shall make it go through the fire, and it shall be clean: nevertheless it shall be purified with the water of separation: and all that abideth not the fire, ye shall make go through the water.

24 And ye shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and ye shall be clean, and afterward ye shall come into the camp.

25 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

26 Take the sum of the prey that was taken, both of man and of beast, thou, and Eleazar the priest, and the chief fathers of the congregation:

27 And divide the prey into two parts; between them that took the war upon them who went out to battel, and between all the congregation.

28 And levie a tribute unto the LORD of the men of war, which went out to battel: one soul of five hundred, both of the persons, and of the beeves, and of the asses, and of the sheep.

29 Take it of their half, and give it unto Eleazar the priest, for an heave-offering of the LORD.

30 And of the children of Israel half, thou shalt take one portion of fifty, of the persons, of the beeves, of the asses, and of the flocks, of all manner of beasts, & give them unto the Levites, which keep the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD.

31 And Moses and Eleazar the priest did as the LORD commanded Moses.

32 And the booty being the rest of the prey which the men of war had caught, was six hundred thousand and seven hundred and fifty thousand sheep,

33 And threescore and twelve thousand beeves,

34 And threescore and one thousand asses,

35 And thirrie and two thousand persons in all, of women that had not known man by lying with him.

36 And the half which was the portion of them that went out to war, was to number three hundred thousand and seven hundred and thirrie thousand and five hundred sheep.

37 And the LORDS tribute of the sheep was six hundred and threescore and fifteen.

38 And the beeves were thirrie and six thousand, of which the LORDS tribute was threescore and twelve.

39 And the asses were thirrie thousand and five hundred, of which the LORDS tribute was threescore and one.

40 And the persons were sixteen thousand, of which the LORDS tribute was thirrie and two persons.

41 And Moses gave the tribute which was the LORDS heave-offering, unto Eleazar the priest, as the LORD commanded Moses.

42 And of the children of Israel half, which Moses divided from the men that warred.

43 (Now the half that pertained unto the congregation, was three hundred thousand and thirrie thousand and seven thousand and five hundred sheep.)

44 And thirrie and six thousand beeves,

45 And thirrie thousand asses and five hundred,

46 And sixteen thousand persons.)

47 Even of the children of Israel half, Moses took one portion of fifty, both of man and of beast, and gave them unto the Levites, which kept the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses.

48 ¶ And the officers which were over thousands of the host, the captains of thousands, & captains of hundreds, came near unto Moses:

49 And they said unto Moses, Thy servants have taken the sum of the prey of war which are under our charge, and there lacketh not one man of us.

50 We have therefore brought an oblation for the LORD, what every man hath gotten, of jewels of gold, chains, and bracelets, rings, ear-rings, and tablers, to make an atonement for our souls before the LORD.

51 And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of them, even all wrought jewels.

52 And all the gold of the offering that they offered up to the LORD, of the captains of thousands, and of the captains of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shekels.

53 (For the men of war had taken spoil, every man for himself.)

54 And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of the captains of thousands, and of hundreds, and brought it into the tabernacle of the congregation, for a memorial for the children of Israel before the LORD.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 The Reubenites and Gadites sue for their inheritance on that side Jordan.

Now the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude,

stode of cattel: and when they saw the land of Jazer; and the land of Gilead; that, behold, the place *was* a place for cattel;

2 The children of Gad, and the children of Reuben, came and spake unto Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and unto the princes of the congregation, saying, 3 Araroeh, and Dibon, and Jazar, and Nimrah, and Heibhon, and Elealeh, and Shebam, and Nebo, and Beon;

4 Even the country which the LORD smote before the congregation of Israel, *is* a land for cattel, and thy servants have cattel.

5 Wherefore, said they, If we have found grace in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession, and bring us not over Jordan.

6 ¶ And Moses said unto the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here?

7 And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the LORD hath given them?

8 Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land.

9 For when they went up unto the valley of Ethcol, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, that they should not go into the land which the LORD had given them.

10 And the LORD'S anger was kindled the same time, and he sware, saying,

11 Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I swore unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, because they have not wholly followed me:

12 Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, and Joshua the son of Nun; for they have wholly followed *§* LORD.

13 And the LORD'S anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation that had done evil in the sight of the LORD was consumed.

14 And behold, ye are risen up in your fathers' stead, an increase of sinful men, to augment yet the fierce anger of the LORD toward Israel.

15 For if ye turn away from after him, he will yet again leave them in *§* wilderness, and ye shall destroy all this people.

16 ¶ And they came near unto him, and said, we will build sheep-folds here for our cattel, and cities for our little ones.

17 But we ourselves will go ready armed before the children of Israel, until we have brought them unto their place: and our little ones shall dwell in the fenced cities, because of the inhabitants of the land.

18 We will not return unto our houses, until the children of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance:

19 For we will not inherit with them on yonder side Jordan, or forward; because our inheritance is fallen to us on this side Jordan eastward.

20 ¶ And Moses said unto them, If ye will do this thing, if ye will go armed before the LORD to war,

21 And will go all of you armed over

Jordan before the LORD, until he hath driven our his enemies from before him,

22 And the land be subdued before the LORD: then afterward ye shall return, and be guiltless before the LORD, and before Israel, and this land shall be your possession before the LORD.

23 But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out.

24 Build ye cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep; and do that which hath proceeded out of your mouth.

25 And the children of Gad, and the children of Reuben spake unto Moses, saying, Thy servants will do as my lord commandeth.

26 Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattel, shall be there in the cities of Gilead.

27 But thy servants will passe over, every man armed for war, before the LORD to battel, as my lord saith.

28 So concerning them Moses commanded Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel:

29 And Moses said unto them, If the children of Gad, and the children of Reuben will passe with you over Jordan, every man armed to battel before the LORD, and the land shall be subdued before you; then ye shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession:

30 But if they will not passe over with you armed, they shall have possession among you in the land of Canaan.

31 And the children of Gad, and the children of Reuben answered, saying, As the LORD hath said unto thy servants, so will we do.

32 We will passe over armed before the LORD into the land of Canaan, that the possession of our inheritance on this side Jordan *may* be ours.

33 And Moses gave unto them, *even* to the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, and unto half the tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land with the cities thereof, in the coast, *even* the cities of the country round about.

34 ¶ And the children of Gad built Dibon, and Araroeh, and Aroer,

35 And Atroth, Shophan, and Jaazar, and Jogbehah,

36 And Beth-nimrah, and Beth-haran, fenced cities: and folds for sheep.

37 And the children of Reuben built Heibhon, and Elealeh, and Kirjathaim,

38 And Nebo, and Baal-meon (their names being changed) and Shibmah: and gave other names unto the cities which they builded.

39 And the children of Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead, and took it, and dispossessed the Amorite which was in it.

40 And Moses gave Gilead unto Machir the son of Manasseh; & he dwelt therein.

41 And Jair the son of Manasseh went and took the small towns thereof, and called them Havoth-jair.

42 And Nobah went and took Kenath, and the villages thereof, and called it Nobah, after his own name.

CHAP. XXXIII.

Two and forty journeys of Israel.

50 The Canaanites are to be destroyed.

Theſe are the journeys of the children of Iſrael, which went forth out of the land of Egypt, with their armies, under the hand of Moſes and Aaron.

2 And Moſes wrote their goings out according to their journeys, by the commandment of **J** LORD: & theſe are their journeys according to their goings out.

3 And they departed from Rameſes in the firſt month, on the fifteenth day of the firſt month: on the morrow after the paſſe-oyer, the children of Iſrael went out with an high hand in the fight of all the Egyptians.

4 (For the Egyptians buried all their firſt-born, which the LORD had ſmitten among them: upon their gods alſo the LORD executed judgements.)

5 And the children of Iſrael removed from Rameſes, and pitched in Succoth.

6 And they departed from Succoth, and pitched in Eſham, which is in the edge of the wilderneſſe.

7 And they removed from Eſham, and turned again unto Pi-hahiroth, which is before Iſai-zephon: and they pitched before Migdol.

8 And they departed from before Pi-hahiroth, and paſſed through the miſt of the ſea, into the wilderneſſe, and went three dayes journey in the wilderneſſe of Eſham, and pitched in Marah.

9 And they removed from Marah, and came unto Elim: and in Elim were twelve fountains of water, and threſcore and ten palm-trees: and they pitched there.

10 And they removed from Elim, and encamped by the Red ſea.

11 And they removed from the Red ſea, and encamped in the wilderneſſe of Sin.

12 And they took their journey out of the wilderneſſe of Sin, and encamped in Dophkah.

13 And they departed from Dophkah, and encamped in Aluſh.

14 And they removed from Aluſh, and encamped at Rephidim, where was no water for the people to drink.

15 And they departed from Rephidim, and pitched in the wilderneſſe of Sinai.

16 And they removed from the deſert of Sinai, and pitched at Kibroth-hattaavah.

17 And they departed from Kibroth-hattaavah, and encamped at Hazeroth.

18 And they departed from Hazeroth, and pitched in Rithmah.

19 And they departed from Rithmah, and pitched at Rimmon-parez.

20 And they departed from Rimmon-parez, and pitched in Libnah.

21 And they removed from Libnah, and pitched at Riſſah.

22 And they journeyed from Riſſah, and pitched in Kibelathah.

23 And they went from Kibelathah, and pitched in mount ſhapher.

24 And they removed from mount ſhapher, and encamped in Haradah.

25 And they removed from Haradah, and pitched in Makheloth.

26 And they removed from Makheloth, and encamped at Tahab.

27 And they departed from Tahab, and pitched at Tarah.

28 And they removed from Tarah, and pitched in Mithcah.

29 And they went from Mithcah, and pitched in Haſhmonah.

30 And they departed from Haſhmonah, and encamped at Moſeroth.

31 And they departed from Moſeroth, and pitched in Bene-jaakan.

32 And they removed from Bene-jaakan, and encamped at Hor-hagidgad.

33 And they went from Hor-hagidgad, and pitched in Jorbarhah.

34 And they removed from Jorbarhah, and encamped at Ebronah.

35 And they departed from Ebronah, and encamped at Ezion-gaber.

36 And they removed from Ezion-gaber, and pitched in the wilderneſſe of Zin, which is Kadeſh.

37 And they removed from Kadeſh, and pitched in mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom.

38 And Aaron the prieſt went up Iurn mount Hor, at the commandment of the LORD, and died there in the fourtieth year, after the children of Iſrael were come out of the land of Egypt, in the firſt day of the fifth month.

39 And Aaron was an hundred and twenty and three years old, when he died in mount Hor.

40 And king Araſ the Canaanite (which dwelt in the ſouth, in the land of Canaan) heard of the coming of the children of Iſrael.

41 And they departed from mount Hor, and pitched in Zalmonah.

42 And they departed from Zalmonah, and pitched in Parau.

43 And they departed from Parau, and pitched in Oboth.

44 And they departed from Ooth, and pitched in Iſe-abarim, in the border of Moab.

45 And they departed from Iſe, and pitched in Dibon-gad.

46 And they removed from Dibon-gad, and encamped in Almon-diblatthaim.

47 And they removed from Almon-diblatthaim, and pitched in the mountains of Abarim, before Nebo.

48 And they departed from the mountains of Abarim, and pitched in the plains of Moab, by Jordan near Jericho.

49 And they pitched by Jordan from Beth-jeſimoth, even unto Abel-thirtim, in the plains of Moab.

50 ¶ And the LORD ſpoke unto Moſes, in the plains of Moab, by Jordan near Jericho, ſaying,

51 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, when ye are paſſed over Jordan, into the land of Canaan;

52 Then ye ſhall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and deſtroy all their pictures, and deſtroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places.

53 And ye ſhall diſpoſſeſſe the inhabitants of the land, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to poſſeſſe it.

54 And ye ſhall divide the land by lot, for an inheritance among your families, and to the more ye ſhall give the more inheritance, and to the fewer ye ſhall give the leſſe inheritance: every man ſhall

Devilours shall be in the place where his lot falleth; according to the tribes of your fathers, ye shall inherit.

55 But it ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to passe, that those which ye let remain of them, shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell.

56 Moreover, It shall come to passe, that I shall do unto you, as I thought to do unto them.

CHAP. XXXIV.

1 The borders of the land. 16 The names of the men which shall divide the land.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, (when ye come into the land of Canaan (this is y^e land that shall fall unto you for an inheritance, even the land of Canaan with the coasts thereof.)

3 Then your fourth quarter shall be from the wilderness of Zin along by y^e coast of Edom, and your south-border shall be the utmost coast of the salt sea eastward.

4 And your border shall turn from the south to the ascent of Akkrabbim, and passe on to Zin: and the going forth thereof shall be from the south to Kadeish-barnea, and shall go on to Hazar-adder, and passe on to Azmon.

5 And the border shall fetch a compass from Azmon unto the river of Egypt, and the goings out of it shall be at the sea.

6 And as for the western-border, you shall even have the great sea for a border: this shall be your west-border.

7 And this shall be your north-border; from the great sea, you shall point out for your mount Hor.

8 From mount Hor ye shall point out your border unto the entrance of Hamath, and the goings forth of the border shall be to Zedad.

9 ¶ And the border shall go on to Ziphron, and the goings out of it shall be at Hazar-enan; this shall be your north-border.

10 And ye shall point out your east-border from Hazar-enan to Shepham.

11 And the coast shall go down from Shepham to Riblah, on the east-side of Ain; and the border shall descend and shall reach unto the side of the sea of Chinnereth east-ward.

12 And the border shall go down to Jordan, and the goings out of it shall be at the salt-sea: this shall be your land with the coasts thereof round about.

13 And Moses commanded the children of Israel, saying, This is the land which ye shall inherit by lot, which the LORD commanded to give unto the nine tribes, and to the half tribe.

14 For the tribe of the children of Reuben, according to the house of their fathers, and the tribe of the children of Gad, according to the house of their fathers, have received their inheritance, and half the tribe of Manasse have received their inheritance.

15 The two tribes and the half tribe have received their inheritance on this side Jordan near Jericho, east-ward, toward the sun rising.

16 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

17 These are the names of the men which shall divide y^e land unto you: Eleazar the priest, & Joshua the son of Nun.

18 And ye shall take one prince of every tribe, to divide the land by inheritance.

19 And the names of the men are these: Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

20 And of the tribe of the children of Simeon, Shemei the son of Ammihud.

21 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of Chislon.

22 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Dan, Bukki the son of Jogli.

23 The prince of the children of Issachar, for the tribe of the children of Manasse, Hanniel the son of Ephod.

24 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Ephraim, Kemuel the son of Shiphran.

25 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Zebulun, Elizaphan the son of Parnach.

26 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Issachar, Paltiel the son of Azan.

27 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Aser, Ahibud the son of Shelomi.

28 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Naphtali, Pedabel the son of Ammihud.

29 These are they whom y^e LORD commanded to divide y^e inheritance unto the children of Israel in the land of Canaan.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 Eight and forty cities given to the Levites. 6 Six of them to be cities of refuge. 9 The laws of murder.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, in the plains of Moab, by Jordan near Jericho, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel, that they give unto the Levites of the inheritance of their possession, cities to dwell in: & ye shall give also unto the Levites suburbs for the cities round about them.

3 And the cities shall they have to dwell in, and the suburbs of them shall be for their cattle, and for their goods, and for all their beasts.

4 And the suburbs of the cities, which ye shall give unto the Levites, shall reach from the wall of the city and out-ward, a thousand cubits round about.

5 And ye shall measure from without y^e city on the east-side two thousand cubits, & on y^e south-side two thousand cubits, & on the west-side two thousand cubits, and on the north-side two thousand cubits: and the city shall be in y^e midst: this shall be to them the suburbs of the cities.

6 And among the cities which ye shall give unto y^e Levites, there shall be six cities for refuge, which ye shall appoint for y^e manslayer, that he may flee thither; and to them ye shall adde fourty & two cities.

7 So all the cities which ye shall give to the Levites, shall be fourty and eight cities: them shall ye give with their suburbs.

8 And y^e cities which ye shall give, shall be of the possession of the children of Israel: from them that have many, ye shall give many; but from them y^e have few, ye shall give few; every one shall give of his

his cities unto the Levites, according to his inheritance which he inherited.

9 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, when ye be come over Jordan, into the land of Canaan:

11 Then ye shall appoint you cities, to be cities of refuge for you; that the slayer may flee thither which killeth any person unawares.

12 And they shall be unto you cities for refuge from the avenger; that the manslayer die not, untill he stand before the congregation in judgement.

13 And of these cities which ye shall give, six cities shall ye have for refuge.

14 Ye shall give three cities on this side Jordan, and three cities shall ye give in the land of Canaan, which shall be cities of refuge.

15 These six cities shall be a refuge, both for the children of Israel, and for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them: that every one that killeth any person unawares may flee thither.

16 And if he smite him with an instrument of iron (so that he die) he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.

17 And if he smite him with throwing a stone (wherewith he may die) and he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.

18 Or if he smite him with an hand-weapon of wood (wherewith he may die) and he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.

19 The revenger of blood himself shall slay the murderer: when he meeteth him, he shall slay him.

20 But if he thrust him of hatred, or hurt him by laying of wait, y he die;

21 Or in enmity smite him with his hand, that he die: he that smote him shall surely be put to death; for he is a murderer: the revenger of blood shall slay the murderer, when he meeteth him.

22 But if he thrust him suddenly without enmity, or have cast upon him any thing without laying of wait;

23 Or with any blow wherewith a man may die, seeing him not, and cast it upon him that he die, and was not his enemy, neither sought him harm:

24 Then the congregation shall judge between the slayer, and the revenger of blood, according to these judgements.

25 And the congregation shall deliver the slayer out of the hand of the revenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of his refuge, whither he was fled: and he shall abide in it unto the death of the high priest, which was anointed with the holy oyl.

26 But if the slayer (shall at any time come without the border of the city of his refuge, whither he was fled);

27 And the revenger of blood finde him without the borders of y city of his refuge, & the revenger of blood kill the slayer: he shall not be guilty of blood;

28 Because he should have remained in the city of his refuge, untill the death of the high priest: but after the death of the high priest, the slayer shall return into the land of his possession.

29 So these things shall be for a statute

of judgement unto you, throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

30 Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death by y mouth of witnesses: but one witness shall not testify against any person, so cause him to die.

31 Moreover, ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, which is guilty of death, but he shall be surely put to death.

32 And ye shall take no satisfaction for him that is fled to the city of his refuge, that he should come again to dwell in the land, untill the death of the priest.

33 So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood is defileth the land; and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it.

34 Defile not therefore the land which ye shall inhabit, wherein I dwell: for I y LORD dwell among y children of Israel.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 The inconvenience of the inheritance of daughters, is remedied by marrying in their own tribes.

And the chief fathers of the families of the children of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasse, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near & spake before Moses, & before the princes the chief fathers of y children of Israel:

2 And they said, The LORD commanded my lord to give y land for an inheritance by lot to the children of Israel: & my lord was commanded by the LORD to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother, unto his daughters.

3 And if they be married to any of the sons of the other tribes of y children of Israel, then shall their inheritance be taken from y inheritance of our fathers, & shall be put to y inheritance of the tribe wherunto they are received: so shall it be taken from the lot of our inheritance.

4 And when the jubile of the children of Israel shall be; then shall their inheritance be put unto the inheritance of the tribe, wherunto they are received: so shall their inheritance be taken away from y inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.

5 And Moses commanded the children of Israel, according to the word of the LORD, saying, The tribe of the sons of Joseph hath said well.

6 This is the thing which the LORD doth command concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, Let them marry to whom they think best; only to the family of the tribe of their father shall they marry:

7 So shall not the inheritance of the children of Israel remove from tribe to tribe: for every one of the children of Israel shall keep himself to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.

8 And every daughter that possesseth an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Israel, shall be wife unto one of the family of the tribe of her father, that the children of Israel may enjoy every man the inheritance of his fathers.

9 Neither shall the inheritance remove from one tribe to another tribe, but every one of the tribes of the children of Israel shall keep himself to his own inheritance.

10 Even as the LORD commanded Moses, so did the daughters of Zelophehad.
 11 For Mahlah, Tirzah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, were married unto their fathers' brothers' sons.
 12 And they were married into the families of the sons of Manasse the son

of Joseph, and their inheritance remained in the tribe of the family of their father.

13 These are the commandments and the judgements which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses, unto the children of Israel in the plains of Moab, by Jordan near Jericho.

The fifth book of MOSES, called DEUTERONOMIE.

Moses in the end of the fortieth year, briefly rehearseth the storie. 6 of Gods promise, 34 of his anger for their incredulitie, 41 and disobedience.

These be the words which Moses spake unto all Israel, on this side Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain over against the Red sea, between Paran, and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Dizahab.

2 (There are eleven dayes journey from Horeb by the way of mount Seir, unto Kadesh-barnea)

3 And it came to passe in the fourth year, in the eleventh moneth, on the first day of the moneth, that Moses spake unto the children of Israel, according unto all that the LORD had given him in commandment unto them.

4 After he had slain Sihon the king of the Amorites, which dwelt in Heibon, and Og the king of Bashan, which dwelt at Ashtaroth in Edrei.

5 On this side Jordan, in the land of Moab, began Moses to declare this law, saying,

6 The LORD our God spake unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount:

7 Turn you, and take your journey, and go to the mount of the Amorites, and unto all the places high thereunto, in the plain, in the hills, and in the vale, and in the south, and by the sea side, to the land of the Canaanites, and unto Lebanon, unto the great river the river Euphrates.

8 Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them, and to their seed after them.

9 ¶ And I spake unto you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you my self alone:

10 The LORD your God hath multiplied you, and behold, you are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude.

11 (The LORD God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless you as he hath promised you)

12 How can I my self alone bear your enbrance, and your burden, and your strife?

13 Take ye wife men and understanding, and knowen among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you.

14 And ye answered me, and said, The thing which thou hast spoken, is good for us to do.

15 So I took the chief of your tribes, wise men, and knowen, and made them heads over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes.

16 And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear the causes between your brethren, and judge righteously between every man and his brother, and the stranger that is with him.

17 Ye shall not respect persons in judgement, but you shall hear the small as well as the great; you shall not be afraid of the face of man, for the judgement of Gods: and the cause that is too hard for you, bring it unto me, and I will hear it.

18 And I commanded you at that time all the things which ye should do.

19 ¶ And when we departed from Horeb, we went through all that great and terrible wilderness, which you saw by the way of the mountain of the Amorites, as the LORD our God commanded us: and we came to Kadesh-barnea.

20 And I said unto you, Ye are come unto the mountain of the Amorites, which the LORD our God doth give unto us.

21 Behold, the LORD thy God hath set the land before thee: go up, and possess it, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; fear not, neither be discouraged.

22 ¶ And ye came near unto me every one of you, and said, We will send men before us, and they shall search us out the land, and bring us word again by what way we must go up, and into what cities we shall come.

23 And the saying pleased me well: and I took twelve men of you, one of a tribe.

24 And they turned and went up into the mountain, and came unto the valley of Eihcol, and searched it out.

25 And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down unto us, and brought us word again, and said, It is a good land which the LORD our God doth give us.

26 Nevertheless, ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God.

27 And ye murmured in your tents, and said, Because the LORD hated us, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us.

28 Whither shall we go up? our brethren have discouraged our heart, saying, The people is greater and taller than we, the cities are great and walled up to heaven, and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakims there.

29 Then I said unto you, Dread not, neither be afraid of them.

30 The LORD your God which goeth before you, he shall fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes.

31 And in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that the LORD thy God burches as a man doth bear his sons, in

all the way that ye went, untill ye came into this place.

32 Yet in this thing ye did not beleewe the LORD your God,

33 who went in the way before you to search you out a place to pitch your tents in; in fire by night to shew you by what way ye should go, and in a cloud by day.

34 And the LORD heard the voyce of your words, and was wroth, and sware, saying,

35 Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good land, which I sware to give unto your fathers;

36 Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, he shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he hath troden upon, and to his children, because he hath wholly followed the LORD.

37 Also the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, saying, Thou also shalt not go in thither.

38 But Joshua the son of Nun, which standeth before thee, he shall go in thither. Encourage him: for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.

39 Moreover, your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, and your children which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possesse it.

40 But as for you, turn ye, and take your journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea.

41 Then ye answered and said unto me; We have sinned against the LORD, we will go up and fight, according to all that the LORD our God commanded us. And when ye had girded on every man his weapons of war, ye were ready to go up into the hill.

42 And the LORD said unto me, Say unto them, Go not up, neither fight, for I am not among you; lest ye be smitten before your enemies.

43 So I spake unto you, and you would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD, and went presumptuously up into the hill.

44 And the Amorites which dwell in that mountain, came out against you, and chased you as bees do, and destroyed you in Seir, even unto Hormah.

45 And ye returned and wept before the LORD; but the LORD would not hearken to your voice, nor give ear unto you.

46 So ye abode in Kadesh many dayes, according unto the dayes that ye abode there.

CHAP. II.

1 The storie is continued touching the Edomites, 9 the Moabites, 17 the Ammonites, 24 and Siban the Amorite.

THEN we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness, by the way of the Red sea, as the LORD spake unto me: and we compassed mount Seir many dayes.

2 And the LORD spake unto me, saying,

3 Ye have compassed this mountain long enough: turn you northward.

4 And command thou the people, say-

ing, Ye are to passe through the coast of your brethren the children of Esau, which dwell in Seir, and they shall be afraid of you: take ye good heed unto yourselves therefore.

5 Meddlenot with them; for I will not give you of their land; nor so much as a foot-breadth, because I have given mount Seir unto Esau for a possession.

6 Ye shall buy meat of them for money, that ye may eat; and ye shall also buy water of them for money; that ye may drink.

7 For the LORD thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand: he knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness: these forty years the LORD thy God hath been with thee, thou hast lacked nothing.

8 And when we passed by from our brethren the children of Esau, which dwell in Seir, through the way of the plain from Elath; and from Ezion-gaber; we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab.

9 And the LORD said unto me, Distresse not the Moabites; neither contend with them in battell: for I will not give thee of their land for a possession, because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot for a possession.

10 The Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall as the Anakims;

11 which also were accounted giants, as the Anakims, but the Moabites call them Emims.

12 The Horims also dwelt in Seir before time, but the children of Esau succeeded them when they had destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their stead, as Ihsai did unto the land of his possession, which the LORD gave unto them.

13 Now rise up, said I, and get you over the brook Zered: and we went over the brook Zered.

14 And the space in which we came from Kadesh-barnea, untill we were come over the brook Zered, was thirty and eight years; untill all the generation of the men of war were wasted out from among the host, as the LORD sware unto them.

15 For indeed the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from among the host, untill they were consumed.

16 ¶ So it came to passe, when all the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people,

17 That the LORD spake unto me, saying,

18 Thou art to passe over through Ar, the coast of Moab, this day.

19 And when thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon, distresse them not, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon any possession, because I have given it unto the children of Lot for a possession.

20 (That also was accounted a land of giants, giants dwelt therein in old times; and the Ammonites call them Zannunims.)

21 A people great and many, and tall

as the Anakims; but the LORD destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and dwell in their stead:

22 As he did to the children of Esau which dwell in Seir, when he destroyed the Horims from before them, and they succeeded them, and dwell in their stead even unto this day:

23 And the Avims which dwell in Hazerim, even unto Azrah, the Caphorims which came forth out of Caphor, destroyed them, and dwell in their stead.)

24 ¶ Rise ye up, take your journey, and passe over the river Arnon: behold, I have given into thy hand Sihon the Amorite king of Heshbon, and his land: begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle.

25 This day will I begin to put y^e dread of thee and the fear of thee upon the nations that are under the whole heaven, who shall hear report of thee, and shall tremble, & be in anguish because of thee.

26 ¶ And I sent messengers out of the wilderness of Kedemoth, unto Sihon king of Heshbon, with words of peace, saying,

27 Let me passe through thy land: I will go along by the high-way, I will neither turn unto the right hand nor to the left.

28 Thou shalt sell me meat for money, that I may eat; and give me water for money, that I may drink: onely I will passe through on my feet:

29 (As the children of Esau which dwell in Seir, And the Moabites which dwell in Ar did unto me) untill I shall passe over Jordan, into the land which the LORD our God giveth us.

30 But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us passe by him: for the LORD thy God hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate, that he might deliver him into thy hand, as appeareth this day.

31 And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before thee: begin to possess it, that thou mayest inherit his land.

32 Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz.

33 And the LORD our God delivered him before us, and we smote him, and his sons, and all his people.

34 And we took all his cities at that time, and utterly destroyed the men, and the women, and the little ones of every city, we left none to remain:

35 Onely the cattel we took for a prey unto our selves, and the spoil of the cities which we took,

36 From Arcoer, which is by the brink of the river of Arnon, and from the city that is by the river, even unto Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us: the LORD our God delivered all unto us.

37 Onely unto the land of the children of Ammon thou camest not, nor unto any place of the river Jabbok, nor unto the cities in the mountains, nor unto whatsoever the LORD our God forbade us.

CHAP. III.

1 Of Og king of Bashan. 23 Master Prayer to enter the land. 26 He is permitted to see it.

Then we turned, and went up the way to Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei.

2 And the LORD said unto me, Fear him not: for I will deliver him, and all his people, and his land into thy hand, and thou shalt do unto him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon.

3 So the LORD our God delivered into our hands Og also the king of Bashan, and all his people: and we smote him untill none was left to him remaining.

4 And we took all his cities at that time, there was not a city which we took not from them, therefore cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdome of Og in Bashan.

5 All these cities were fenced with high walls, gates and bars, beside unwalled towns a great many.

6 And we utterly destroyed them, as we did unto Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying the men, women, and children of every city.

7 But all the cattel, and the spoil of the cities, we took for a prey to our selves.

8 And we took at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites, the land that was on this side Jordan, from the river of Arnon unto mount Hermon:

9 (Which Hermon the Sidonians call Sirion: and the Amorites call it Shenir.)

10 All the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and all Bashan, unto Salchah and Edrei, cities of the kingdome of Og in Bashan:

11 For onely Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of giants; behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron: it is not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon; nine cubits was the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.

12 And this land which we possessed at that time, from Arcoer, which is by the river Arnon, and half mount Gilead, and the cities thereof gave I unto the Reubenites, and to the Gadites.

13 And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, being the kingdome of Og, gave I unto the half tribe of Manasseh; all the region of Argob, with all Bashan, which was called the land of giants.

14 Iair the son of Manasseh took all the countrey of Argob, unto the coasts of Gethuri, and Manchathi; and called them after his own name, Bashan-havoch-jair, unto this day.

15 And I gave Gilead unto Machir.

16 And unto the Reubenites, and unto the Gadites, I gave from Gilead even unto the river Arnon, half the valley, and the border, even unto the river Jabbok, which is the border of the children of Ammon:

17 The plain also, and Jordan, and the coast thereof, from Chinnereth even unto the sea of the plain, even the salt-sea, under Ashdodh Pilgah eastward.

18 ¶ And I commanded you at that time, saying, The LORD your God hath given you this land to possess it: ye shall passe over armed before your brethren the children of Israel, all that are meet for the war.

19 But your wives, and your little ones, and your cattel (as I know, that ye

ye have much cattle) shall abide in your cities which I have given you;

20 Untill the LORD have given rest unto your brethren, as well as unto you, and untill they also possess the land which the LORD your God hath given them beyond Jordan: and then shall ye return every man unto his possession which I have given you.

21 ¶ And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, Thine eyes have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto these two kings: so shall the LORD do unto all kingdoms whither thou passest.

22 Ye shall not fear them: for the LORD your God he shall fight for you.

23 And I besought the LORD at that time, saying,

24 O Lord GOD, thou hast begun to shew thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might?

25 I pray thee let me go over, and see the good land that is beyond Jordan, that goodly mountain, and Lebanon.

26 But the LORD was wroth with me for your sakes, and would not bear me: and the LORD said unto me, Let it suffice thee, speak no more unto me of this matter.

27 Get thee up into the top of Pisgah, and lift up thine eyes west-ward, and north-ward, and south-ward, and east-ward, and behold it with thine eyes: for thou shalt not go over this Jordan.

28 Burcharge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see.

29 So we abode in the valley over against Beth-peor.

CHAP. IV.

1 An exhortation to obedience. 41 Moses appointeth the three cities of refuge on that side Jordan.

NOW therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes, and unto the judgements which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.

2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall you diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

3 Your eyes have seen what the LORD did because of Baal-peor for all the men that followed Baal-peor, the LORD thy God hath destroyed them from among you.

4 But ye that did cleave unto the LORD your God, are alive every one of you this day.

5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgements, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.

6 Keep therefore and do them, for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

7 And what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for?

8 And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgements so righteous, as all this law which I set before you this day?

9 Onely take heed to thy self, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the dayes of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons sons:

10 Specially the day that thou stoodst before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the dayes that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children.

11 And ye came near and stood under the mountain, and the mountain burnt with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness.

12 And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voyce of the words, but saw no similitude, onely ye heard a voyce.

13 And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments, and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.

14 ¶ And the LORD did command me at that time, to teach you statutes and judgements, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it.

15 Take ye therefore good heed unto your selves (for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the LORD spake unto you in Horeb, out of the midst of the fire)

16 Lest ye corrupt your selves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female,

17 The likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air,

18 The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth:

19 And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, thou shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.

20 But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as ye are this day.

21 Furthermore, the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, and swore that I should not go over Jordan, and that I should not go in unto that good land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

22 But I must die in this land, I must not go over Jordan: but ye shall go over and possess that good land.

23 Take heed unto your selves, lest ye forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make you

you a graven image, or the likeness of any thing which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee.

24 For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God.

25 ¶ When thou shalt beget children, and childrens children, and shalt have remained long in the land, and shalt corrupt *your selves*, and make a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, and shalt do evil in the sight of the LORD thy God, to provoke him to anger:

26 I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto you go over Jordan to possess it: ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed.

27 And the LORD shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen whither the LORD shall lead you.

28 And there ye shall serve gods, the work of mens hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.

29 But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt finde him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

30 When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter dayes, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice:

31 (For the LORD thy God is a merciful God) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them.

32 For ask now of the dayes that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and ask from the one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been any such thing as this great thing is, or hath been heard like it?

33 Did ever people hear the voyce of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live?

34 Or hath God assayed to go and take him a nation from the midst of another nation, by temptations, by signes, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched-out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

35 Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God: *there is none else besides him.*

36 Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voyce, that he might instruct thee: and upon earth he shewed thee his great fire, and thou heardest his words out of the midst of the fire.

37 And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt:

38 To drive out nations from before thee, greater and mightier then thou art, to bring thee in to give thee their land for an inheritance, as it is this day.

39 Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: *there is none else.*

40 Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes & his commandments which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy dayes upon the earth, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, for ever.

41 ¶ Then Moses severed three cities on this side Jordan, toward the sun-rising:

42 That the slayer might flee thither, which should kill his neighbour unawares, and hated him not in times past; and that fleeing unto one of these cities, he might live:

43 *Namely*, Bezer in the wilderness, in the plain-country, of the Reubenites; and Ramoth in Gilead, of the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, of the Manassites.

44 ¶ And this is the law which Moses set before the children of Israel:

45 These are the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgements, which Moses spake unto the children of Israel, after they came forth out of Egypt:

46 On this side Jordan in the valley over against Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heihon, whom Moses, and the children of Israel smote, after they were come forth out of Egypt:

47 And they possessed his land, and the land of Og king of Bashan, two kings of the Amorites, which were on this side Jordan, toward the sun-rising:

48 From Aroer, which is by the bank of the river Arnon, even unto mount Sion, which is Heimon,

49 And all the plain on this side Jordan east-ward, even unto the sea of the plain, under the springs of Pithag.

CHAPTER V.

1 The covenant in Horeb. 6 The ten commandments. 22 At the peoples request Moses receiveth the law from God.

AND Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgements which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep and do them.

2 The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.

3 The LORD made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day.

4 The LORD talked with you face to face in the mount, out of the midst of the fire.

5 (I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to shew you the word of the LORD: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount) saying,

6 ¶ I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

7 Thou shalt have none other gods before me.

8 Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth.

9 Thou shalt not bowe down thy self unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

10 And shewing mercy unto thousands, of them that love me and keep my commandments.

11 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltlesse that taketh his name in vain.

12 Keep the sabbath-day to sanctifie it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee.

13 Six dayes thou shalt labour, and do all thy work;

14 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thine ox, nor thine asse, nor any of thy catrell, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy man-servant and thy maid-servant may rest as well as thou.

15 And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the LORD thy God brought thee out thence, through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath-day.

16 Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy dayes may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

17 Thou shalt not kill.

18 Neither shalt thou commit adultery.

19 Neither shalt thou steal.

20 Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbour.

21 Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbours wife, neither shalt thou cover thy neighbours house, his field, or his man-servant, or his maid-servant, his ox, nor his asse, or any thing which is thy neighbours.

22 ¶ These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice, and he added no more; and he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me.

23 And it came to passe when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness (for the mountain did burn with fire) that ye came near unto me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders.

24 And ye said, Behold, the LORD our God hath shewed us his glory, and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth.

25 Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us. If we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, then we shall die.

26 For who is there of all flesh that hath heard the voice of the living God, speaking out of the midst of the fire (as we have) and lived?

27 Go thou near, and hear all that the LORD our God shall say, and speak thou unto us all that the LORD our God shall speak unto thee, and we will hear it, and do it.

28 And the LORD heard the voice of your words when ye spake unto me; and

the LORD said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee: they have well said all that they have spoken.

29 O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments alwayes, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever.

30 Go say to them, Get you into your tents again.

31 But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandments and the statutes and the judgements which thou shalt teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess it.

32 Ye shall observe to do therefore as the LORD your God hath commanded you: you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

33 You shall walk in all the wayes which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your dayes in the land which ye shall possess.

CHAP. VI.

1 The end of the law is obedience. 2 An exhortation thereto.

NOW these are the commandments, the statutes, and judgments which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it:

2 That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments which I command thee; thou, and thy son, and thy sons son, all the dayes of thy life, and that thy dayes may be prolonged.

3 ¶ Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it, that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

4 Hear O Israel, the LORD our God is one LORD.

5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

6 And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart.

7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

8 And thou shalt blinde them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

10 And it shall be when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee, great and goodly cities which thou buildedst not,

11 And houses full of all good things which thou filledst not, and wells digged which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive-trees which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full;

12 Then beware lest thou forget the LORD

LORD which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

13 Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him; & shalt swear by his name.

14 Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you;

15 (For the LORD thy God is a jealous God among you) lest the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth.

16 ¶ Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as ye tempted him in Massah.

17 You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes which he hath commanded thee.

18 And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the LORD: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers;

19 To cast out all thine enemies from before thee, as the LORD hath spoken.

20 And when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgements which the LORD our God hath commanded you?

21 Then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaohs bond-men in Egypt, and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

22 And the LORD shewed signes and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh and upon all his household, before our eyes:

23 And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he swore unto our fathers.

24 And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day.

25 And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments, before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

CHAPTER VII.

1 *All communion with the nations is forbidden, & for fear of idolatry.*

When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into a land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou;

2 And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee: thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them, thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor show mercy unto them.

3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them: thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

4 For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

5 But thus shall ye deal with them; ye

shall destroy the altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.

6 For thou art a holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

7 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people (for ye were the fewest of all people)

8 But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bond-men, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him, and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations;

10 And repayeth them that hate him, to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.

11 Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgements, which I command thee this day, to do them.

12 ¶ Wherefore it shall come to passe, if ye hearken to these judgements, and keep and do them; the LORD thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he swore unto thy fathers.

13 And he will love thee, and bless thee, & multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy wombe, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oyl, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he swore unto thy fathers to give thee.

14 Thou shalt be blessed above all people: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattell.

15 And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt (which thou knowest) upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee.

16 And thou shalt consume all the people which the LORD thy God shall deliver thee, thine eye shall have no pity upon them: neither shalt thou serve their gods, for that will be a snare unto thee.

17 If thou shalt say in thine heart, These nations are more than I, how can I dispossesse them?

18 Thou shalt not be afraid of them: but shalt well remember what the LORD thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt;

19 The great temptations which thine eyes saw, and the signes, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched out arm, whereby the LORD thy God brought thee out: so shall the LORD thy God do unto all the people of whom thou art afraid.

20 Moreover, the LORD thy God will send the horn among them: until they that are left and hide themselves from thee be destroyed.

21 Thou shalt not be affrighted at them: for the LORD thy God is among

mong you, a mighty God and terrible.

12 And the LORD thy God will put out those nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee.

13 But the LORD thy God shall deliver them unto thee, and shall destroy them with a mighty destruction, until they be destroyed.

14 And he shall deliver their kings into thine hand, and thou shalt destroy their name from under heaven: there shall no man be able to stand before thee, until thou have destroyed them.

15 The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the LORD thy God.

16 Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thy house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it, for it is a cursed thing.

CHAP. VIII.

1 An exhortation to obedience in regard of Gods dealing with them.

All the commandments which I command thee this day, shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers.

2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna (which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know) that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

4 Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell these forty years.

5 Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.

6 Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.

7 For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains, and depths that spring out of valleys and hills,

8 A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig-trees, and pomegranates, a land of oil olive, and honey,

9 A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass.

10 When thou hast eaten, and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God, for the good land which he hath given thee.

11 Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:

12 Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein;

13 And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied:

14 Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God (which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage);

15 Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, & scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;

16 Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end.)

17 And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of my hand hath gotten me this wealth.

18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day, that ye shall surely perish.

20 As hath been which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish: because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.

CHAP. IX.

1 Moses dissuadeth them from the opinion of their own righteousness, by rehearsing their several rebellions.

Hear, O Israel, thou art to pass over Jordan this day, to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and fenced up to heaven,

2 A people great and tall, the children of the Anakims, whom thou knowest, and of whom thou hast heard say, who can stand before the children of Anak?

3 Understand therefore this day, that the LORD thy God is he which goeth over before thee as a consuming fire: he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the LORD hath said unto thee.

4 Speak not thou in thine heart, after that the LORD thy God hath cast them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness the LORD hath brought me in to possess this land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD doth drive them out from before thee.

5 Not for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thine heart doeth thou go to possess their land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may perform the word which the LORD (swore unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

6 Understand therefore, that the LORD thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess it, for thy righteousness:

for thou art a stiff-necked people.

7 ¶ Remember, and forget not how thou provokest the LORD thy God to wrath in the wilderness: from the day that thou didst depart out of the land of Egypt, untill ye came unto this place, ye have been rebellious against the LORD.

8 Also in Horeb ye provoked the LORD to wrath, so that the LORD was angry with you, to have destroyed you.

9 When I was gone up into the mount, to receive the tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant which the LORD made with you, then I abode in the mount forty dayes and forty nights, I neither did eat bread nor drink water:

10 And the LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God, and on them was written according to all the words which the LORD spake with you in the mount, out of the midst of fire, in the day of the assembly.

11 And it came to passe at the end of forty dayes and forty nights, that the LORD gave me the two tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant.

12 And the LORD said unto me, Arise, get thee down quickly from hence: for thy people which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt, have corrupted themselves: they are quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image.

13 Furthermore, the LORD spake unto me, saying, I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people.

14 Let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven: and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they.

15 So I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount burned with fire; and the two tables of the covenant were in my two hands.

16 And I looked, and behold, ye had sinned against the LORD your God, and had made you a molten calf; ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which the LORD had commanded you.

17 And I took the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and brake them before your eyes.

18 And I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty dayes and forty nights; I did neither eat bread nor drink water, because of all your sins which ye sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

19 (For I was afraid of the anger, and hot displeasure wherewith the LORD was wroth against you to destroy you) But the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also.

20 And the LORD was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him: and I prayed for Aaron also the same time.

21 And I took your sin, the calf which ye had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, and ground it very small, even untill it was as small as dust: and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descended out of the mount.

22 And at Taberah, and at Massah, and at Kibroth-hatzaayah, ye provoked the LORD to wrath.

23 Likewise when the LORD sent you

from Kadesh-barnea, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given you; then you rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God, and ye believed him not, nor hearkened to his voice.

24 You have been rebellious against the LORD, from the day that I knew you.

25 Thus I fell down before the LORD forty dayes and forty nights, as I fell down at the first; because the LORD had said he would destroy you.

26 I prayed therefore unto the LORD, and said, O LORD GOD, destroy not thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed through thy greatness, which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

27 Remember thy servants, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, look not unto the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin:

28 Lest the land whence thou broughtest us out, say, Because the LORD was not able to bring them into the land which he promised them, and because he hated them, he hath brought them out to slay them in the wilderness.

29 Yet they are thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest out by thy mighty power, and by thy stretched-out arm.

CHAP. X.

1 Gods mercy in restoring the two tables;
C. 12 An exhortation to obedience.

AT that time the LORD said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood.

2 And I will write on the tables the words that were in the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark.

3 And I made an ark of shittim-wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in mine hand.

4 And I wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the LORD spake unto you in the mount, out of the midst of the fire, in the day of the assembly; and the LORD gave them unto me.

5 And I turned my self and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made, and there they be, as the LORD commanded me.

6 ¶ And the children of Israel took their journey from Beeroth of the children of Isachar, to Moseroth: there Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priests office in his stead.

7 From thence they journeyed unto Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to Jotbath, a land of rivers of waters.

8 ¶ At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, unto this day.

9 Wherefore Levi hath no part nor inheritance with his brethren: the LORD is his inheritance, according as the LORD thy God promised him.

10 And I stayed in the mount, ac-

according to the first time, forty dayes and forty nights, and the LORD heard unto me at that time also, and the LORD would not destroy thee.

11 And the LORD said unto me, Arise, take thy journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land which I sware unto their fathers to give unto them.

12 ¶ And now Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his wayes, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

13 To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes which I command thee this day for thy good?

14 Behold, the heaven, and the heaven of heavens is the LORD thy God, the earth also with all that therein is.

15 Onely the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.

16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiff-necked.

17 For the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward.

18 He doth execute the judgement of the fatherlesse and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.

19 Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

20 Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name.

21 He is thy praise, and he is thy God that hath done for thee these great and retributable things which thine eyes have seen.

22 Thy fathers went down into Egypt with threescore and ten persons; and now the LORD thy God hath made thee as the stars of heaven for multitude.

CHAP. XI.

1 An exhortation to obedience. 26 A blessing and curse is set before them.

Therefore thou shalt love the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgements, and his commandments alway.

2 And know thou this day: for I speak now with your children which have not known, and which have not seen the chastisement of the LORD your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, and his stretched out arm.

3 And his miracles, and his acts which he did in the midst of Egypt, unto Pharaoh, king of Egypt, & unto all his land.

4 And what he did unto the army of Egypt, unto their horses, and to their chariots, how he made the water of the Red sea to overflow them as they pursued after you, and how the LORD hath destroyed them unto this day.

5 And what he did unto you in the wilderness, until ye came into this place,

6 And what he did unto Darban and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben: how the earth opened her mouth and swallowed them up, and

their households, and their tents, and all the substance that was in their possession in the midst of all Israel.

7 But your eyes have seen all the great acts of the LORD, which he did.

8 Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land whither ye go to possess it:

9 And that ye may prolong your dayes in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give unto them, and to their seed, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

10 ¶ For the land whither thou goest into to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and watered it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs:

11 But the land whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven:

12 A land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eyes of the LORD thy God are alwayes upon it, from the beginning of the year, even unto the end of the year.

13 ¶ And it shall come to passe, if you shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul;

14 That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.

15 And I will send grasse in thy fields, for thy cattel, that thou mayest eat, and be full.

16 Take heed to your selves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them.

17 And then the LORDS wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven that there be no rain, and that the land yeeld not her fruit, and lest ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you.

18 ¶ Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and binde them for a signe upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

19 And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

20 And thou shalt write them upon the door-posts of thine house, and upon thy gates:

21 That your dayes may be multiplied, and the dayes of your children, in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give them, as the dayes of heaven upon the earth.

22 ¶ For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you to do, then, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his wayes, and to cleave unto him:

23 Then will the LORD drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations, and mightier then your selves.

24 Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread, shall be yours: from the wilderness, and Lebanon, from the river the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea, shall your coast be.

25 There shall no man be able to stand before you: for the LORD your God shall lay the fear of you, and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath said unto you.

26 ¶ Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse:

27 A blessing if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you this day:

28 And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods which ye have not known.

29 And it shall come to passe when the LORD thy God hath brought thee in to the land whither thou goest to possess it, that thou shalt put the blessing upon mount Gerizim, and the curse upon mount Ebal.

30 Are they not on the other side Jordan, by the way where the sun goeth down, in the land of the Canaanites, which dwell in the champaign over against Gilgal, beside the plains of Moreh?

31 For ye shall passe over Jordan to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God giveth you, and ye shall possess it and dwell therein.

32 And ye shall observe to do all the statutes and judgements which I set before you this day.

CHAP. XII.

1 Monuments of idolatry are to be destroyed. 5 The place of Gods service is to be kept. 16, 23 Blood is forbidden.

THESE are the statutes and judgements which ye shall observe to do in the land which the LORD God of thy fathers giveth thee to possess it, all the dayes that ye live upon the earth.

2 Ye shall utterly destroy all the places, wherein the nations which ye shall possess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree.

3 And you shall overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire, and you shall hew down the graven images of their gods, and destroy the names of them out of that place.

4 Ye shall not do so unto the LORD your God.

5 But unto the place which the LORD your God shall choose out of all your tribes, to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither you shall come:

6 And thither ye shall bring your burnt-offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave-offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your free-will-offerings, and the firstlings of your herds, and of your flocks.

7 And there ye shall eat before the LORD your God, and ye shall rejoice in all that you put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the LORD thy God hath blessed thee.

8 Ye shall not do after all the things that we do bear this day, every man what-

soever is right in his own eyes.

9 For ye are not as yet come to the rest, and to the inheritance which the LORD your God giveth you.

10 But when ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the LORD your God giveth you to inherit, and when he giveth you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety:

11 Then there shall be a place which the LORD your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there, thither shall ye bring all that I command you: your burnt-offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave-offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the LORD.

12 And ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God, ye, and your sons, and your daughters, and your men-servants, and your maid-servants, and the Levite that is within your gates, forasmuch as he hath no part nor inheritance with you.

13 Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy burnt-offerings in every place that thou seest.

14 But in the place which the LORD shall choose in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt-offerings, and there thou shalt do all that I command thee.

15 Notwithstanding, thou mayest kill and eat flesh in all thy gates, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee: the unclean and the clean may eat thereof, as of the roebuck, and of the hart.

16 Only ye shall not eat the blood: ye shall pour it upon the earth as water.

17 ¶ Thou mayest not eat within thy gates the tithe of thy corn, or of thy wine, or of thy oil, or the firstlings of thy herds, or of thy flock, nor any of thy vows which thou vowest, nor thy free-will-offerings, or heave-offering of thy hand:

18 But thou must eat them before the LORD thy God, in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levite that is within thy gates: and thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God in all that thou puttest thine hands unto.

19 Take heed to thyself that thou forsake not the Levite as long as thou livest upon the earth.

20 ¶ When the LORD thy God shall enlarge thy border, as he hath promised thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat flesh (because thy soul longeth to eat flesh) thou mayest eat flesh whatsoever thy soul lusteth after.

21 If the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to put his name there, be too far from thee, then thou shalt kill of thy herd and of thy flock, which the LORD hath given thee, as I have commanded thee, and thou shalt eat in thy gates whatsoever thy soul lusteth after.

22 Even as the roebuck and the hart is eaten, so thou shalt eat them: the unclean and the clean shall eat of them alike.

23 Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood is the life, and thou mayest

myself not eat the life with the flesh.

24 Thou shalt not eat it; thou shalt pour upon the earth as water.

25 Thou shalt not eat it, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children thy fathers; after thee, when thou shalt do that which is right in the sight of the LORD.

26 Only thy holy things which thou shalt take, and thy vows, thou shalt take, and go unto the place which the LORD shall choose:

27 And thou shalt offer thy burnt-offerings, the flesh and the blood, upon the altar of the LORD thy God; and the blood of thy sacrifices shall be poured out upon the altar of the LORD thy God, and thou shalt eat the flesh.

28 Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest that which is good and right in the sight of the LORD thy God.

29 ¶ When the LORD thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou shalt go to possess them, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their land:

30 Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee, and that thou enquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise.

31 Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination which he hateth, have they done unto their gods: for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.

32 What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Enticers to idolatry, show near forever, 9 are to be destroyed. 12 Idolatrous cities are not to be spared.

IF there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder,

2 And the sign or the wonder come to thee, wherof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods (which thou hast not known) and let us serve them;

3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

4 Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and you shall serve him, and cleave unto him.

5 And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death (because he hath spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way: which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in) so shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.

6 ¶ If thy brother the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the ble thing,

wife of thy bosome, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods (which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers:)

7 Namely, of the gods of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and from the earth:

8 Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him.

9 But thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.

10 And thou shalt stone him with stones, because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

11 And all Israel shall bear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is, among you.

12 ¶ If thou shalt hear say in one of thy cities, which the LORD thy God hath given thee to dwell there, saying,

13 Certain men, the children of Belial, are gone out from among you, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods (which ye have not known):

14 Then shalt thou enquire, and make search, and ask diligently, and behold, if it be true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought among you:

15 Thou shalt surely smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it utterly, and all that is therein, and the cattle thereof, with the edge of the sword.

16 And thou shalt gather all the spoil of it into the midst of the street thereof, and shalt burn with fire the city, and all the spoil thereof every whit, for the LORD thy God: and it shall be an heap for ever, it shall not be built again.

17 And there shall cleave nought of the cursed thing to thine hand: that the LORD may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and shew thee mercy, and have compassion upon thee, and multiply thee, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers.

18 When thou shalt hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do that which is right in the eyes of the LORD thy God.

CHAP. XIV.

1 Gods children are not to disfigure themselves in mourning. 2 What may be eaten, what not. 22 Of ticks.

YE are the children of the LORD your God: ye shall not cut your selves, nor make any baldness between your eyes out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed for the dead.

2 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.

3 ¶ Thou shalt not eat any abomin-

4 These are the beasts which ye shall strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul ear: the ox, the sheep, and the goat, the hart, and the roe-buck, and the fallow-deer, and the wilde-goar, and the pygarg, and the wilde ox, and the chamois.

6 And every beast that parteth the hoof, and cleaveth the cleft into two claws, and cheweth the cud amongst the beasts; that ye shall eat.

7 Nevertheless, these ye shall not eat, of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the cloven hoof; as the camel, and the hare, and the coney: for they chew the cud, but divide not the hoof; therefore they are unclean unto you.

8 And the swine, because it divideth the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it is unclean unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, nor touch their dead carcase.

9 ¶ These ye shall eat of all that are in the waters: all that have fins and scales shall ye eat:

10 And whatsoever hath not fins and scales, ye may not eat: it is unclean unto you.

11 ¶ Of all clean birds ye shall eat.

12 But these are they of which ye shall not eat: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray,

13 And the glede, and the kite, and the vulture after his kinde,

14 And every raven after his kinde,

15 And the owl, and the night-hawk, and the cuckow, and the hawk after his kinde,

16 The little owl, and the great owl, and the swan,

17 And the pelican, and the gier-eagle, and the cormorant,

18 And the stork, and the heron after her kinde, and the lapwing, and the bat.

19 And every creeping thing that flieth, is unclean unto you: they shall not be eaten.

20 But of all clean fowls ye may eat.

21 ¶ Ye shall not eat of any thing that dieth of itself: thou shalt give it unto the stranger that is in thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto an alien: for thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seeke a kid in his mothers milk.

22 Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year.

23 And thou shalt eat before the LORD thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds, and of thy flocks: that thou mayest learn to fear the LORD thy God always.

24 And if the way be too long for thee, so that thou art not able to carry it, or if the place be too far from thee which the LORD thy God shall choose to set his name there, when the LORD thy God hath blessed thee:

25 Then thou shalt turn it into money, and bind up the money in thine band, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose.

26 And thou shalt bestow that money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for needy, in thy land,

desireth: and thou shalt eat there before the LORD thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou and thine household.

27 And the Levite that is within thy gates, thou shalt not forsake him; for he hath no part nor inheritance with thee.

28 ¶ At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates.

29 And the Levite (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all thy work of thine hand which thou doest.

CHAPTER XV.

1 The seventh year a year of release for the poor. 7 It must be no let of lending or giving. 12 The Hebrew servant.

At the end of every seven years thou shalt make a release.

2 And this is the manner of the release: Every creditor that lendeth ought unto his neighbour, shall release it, he shall not exact it of his neighbour, or of his brother, because it is called the LORDS release.

3 Of a sojourner thou mayest exact it again; but that which is thine with thy brother, thine hand shall release:

4 Save when there shall be no poor among you: for the LORD shall greatly bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it:

5 Onely if thou carefully hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all these commandments which I command thee this day.

6 For the LORD thy God blesseth thee, as he promised thee, and thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over thee.

7 ¶ If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren, within any of thy gates, in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thy heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother:

8 But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth.

9 Beware that there be not a thought in thy wicked heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release is at hand: and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought, and he cry unto the LORD against thee, and it be sin unto thee.

10 Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou putteth thine hand unto.

11 For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor and needy, in thy land.

12 ¶ And if thy brother an Hebrew man or an Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee, and serve thee six years; then in the seventh year thou shalt let him go free from thee.

13 And when thou sendest him out free from thee, thou shalt not let him go away empty.

14 Thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy floor, and out of thy wine-press: of that where-with the LORD thy God hath blessed thee, thou shalt give unto him.

15 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bond-man in the land of Egypt, & the LORD thy God redeemed thee; therefore I command thee this thing to day.

16 And it shall be if he say unto thee, I will not go away from thee (because he loveth thee and thine house, because he is well with thee)

17 Then thou shalt take an awl, and thrust it through his ear unto the door, and he shall be thy servant for ever; and also unto thy maid-servant thou shalt do likewise.

18 It shall not seem hard unto thee when thou sendest him away free from thee; for he hath been worth a double hired servant to thee, in serving thee six years: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all that thou doest.

19 ¶ All the firstling males that come of thy herd, and of thy flock, thou shalt sanctify unto the LORD thy God: thou shalt do no work with the firstling of thy bullock, nor hear the firstling of thy sheep.

20 Thou shalt eat it before the LORD thy God year by year, in the place which the LORD shall choose, thou and thy household.

21 And if there be any blemish therein, as if it be lame, or blinde, or have any ill blemish, thou shalt not sacrifice it unto the LORD thy God.

22 Thou shalt eat it within thy gates: the unclean & the clean person shall eat it alike, as the roe-buck, and as the hare.

23 Only thou shalt not eat the blood thereof: thou shalt pour it upon the ground as water.

CHAP. XVI.

1 The feast of the passover, 9 of weeks, 13 of tabernacles. 15 Of judges and justices. 21 Groves and images forbidden.

Observe the month of Abib, and keep the passover unto the LORD thy God: for in the month of Abib the LORD thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night.

2 Thou shalt therefore sacrifice 7 passover unto the LORD thy God, of 7 flock and the herd, in the place where the LORD shall choose to place his name there.

3 Thou shalt eat unleavened bread with it seven dayes that thou eat unleavened bread therewith, even the bread of affliction: (for thou earnest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste) that thou mayest remember the day when thou earnest forth out of the land of Egypt, all the dayes of thy life.

4 And there shall be no leavened bread seen with thee in all thy coasts seven dayes, neither shall there any thing of 7 flesh where thou sacrificest the first day of

even, remain all night until 7 morning.

5 Thou mayest not sacrifice the passover within any of thy gates, which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

6 But at the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name in, there thou shalt sacrifice the passover at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou earnest forth out of Egypt.

7 And thou shalt roast and eat it in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose; and thou shalt turn in the morning, and go unto thy tents.

8 Six dayes thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day shall be a solemn assembly to the LORD thy God: thou shalt do no work therein.

9 ¶ Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from such time as thou beginnest to put the sickle to the corn.

10 And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God with a tribute of a free-will-offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto the LORD thy God, according as the LORD thy God hath blessed thee.

11 And thou shalt rejoyce before the LORD thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, & thy man-servant, & thy maid-servant, and the Levite 7 is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to place his name there.

12 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bond-man in Egypt: and thou shalt observe and do these statutes.

13 ¶ Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven dayes, after that thou shalt gathered in thy corn, and thy wine.

14 And thou shalt rejoyce in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gates.

15 Seven dayes shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto the LORD thy God, in the place which the LORD shall choose; because the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy increase, and in all the works of thine hands, therefore thou shalt surely rejoyce.

16 ¶ Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God, in the place which he shall choose: 2 in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty.

17 Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee.

18 ¶ Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee throughout thy tribes: and they shall judge the people with just judgement.

19 Thou shalt not wrest judgement: thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift: for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous.

20 That which is altogether just shalt thou

Idolaters and contrary must die. Deuteronomy. The election and duties of a king.
thou follow, that thou mayest live, and 14 ¶ When thou art come unto the land
inherit the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee;
God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein.

21 ¶ Thou shalt not plant thee a grove in, and shalt say, I will set a king over
of any trees near unto the altar of the me, like as all the nations that are about
LORD thy God, which thou shalt make me :

22 Neither shalt thou set thee up any over thee whom the LORD thy God shall
image, which the LORD thy God hateth. choose: one from among thy brethren
shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest

CHAP. XVII.

1 Things sacrificed must be found. 2 Do- not set a stranger over thee, which is not
sater, must be slain. 14 The election, thy brother.

16 And duty of a king. 16 But he shall not multiply horses to
himself, nor cause the people to return
LORD thy God any bullock, or sheep, to Egypt, to the end that he should mul-
tiply horses: forasmuch as the LORD
hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth
return no more that way.

17 Neither shall he multiply wives to
himself, that his heart turn not away;
neither shall he greatly multiply to him-
self silver and gold.

18 And it shall be when he sitteth upon
the throne of his kingdom, that he shall
write him a copy of this law in a book;
out of that which is before the priests the
Levites.

19 And it shall be with him, and he
shall read therein all the dayes of his life;
that he may learn to fear the LORD
his God, to keep all the words of this
law and these statutes, to do them :

20 That his heart be not lifted up
above his brethren, and that he turn not
aside from the commandment to the right
hand or to the left: to the end that
he may prolong his dayes in his king-
dom; he, and his children in the midst of
Israel.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 The Lord is the priests and the Levites
inheritance. 15 Christ is to be heard.

20 The presumptuous prophet is to die.
He priests the Levites, and all the
tribe of Levi, shall have no part nor
inheritance with Israel: they shall eat
the offerings of the LORD made by fire,
and his inheritance.

2 Therefore shall they have no inher-
itance among thy brethren: the LORD
is thy inheritance, as he hath said unto
them.

3 ¶ And this shall be the priests due
from the people, from them that offer a
sacrifice, whether it be ox or sheep; and
they shall give unto the priest the thigh,
the ear, and the two cheeks, and the maw.

4 The first fruit also of thy corn, of thy
wine, and of thy oil, and the first of the
fleece of thy sheep shalt thou give him.

5 For the LORD thy God hath chosen
him out of all thy tribes, to stand to mi-
nister in the name of the LORD, him
and his sons for ever.

6 ¶ And if a Levite come from any of
thy gates out of all Israel, where he so-
journed, and come with all the desire of
his mind unto the place which the
LORD shall choose;

7 Then he shall minister in the name
of the LORD his God, as all his bre-
thren the Levites do, which stand there
before the LORD thy God, or unto the
judge, even that man shall die: and thou
shalt put away the evil from Israel.

8 They shall have like portions to eat,
beside that which cometh of the sale of
his patrimony.

9 ¶ When thou art come into the land
which

which the LORD thy God giveth thee, which shall flee thither, that he may live; thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.

10 ¶ There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that his hand fetcheth a stroke with the ax to cur down the tree, and the head slippeth from the helve, and lighteth upon his neighbour, that he die; he shall die unto one of those cities, and live:

11 Or a charmer, or a conjurer, with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

12 For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations, the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

13 Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God.

14 For these nations which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so to do.

15 ¶ The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken.

16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb, in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God; neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

17 And the LORD said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken.

18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee; and will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, with thee, I will require it of him.

20 But the prophet which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even the prophet shall die.

21 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?

22 When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously; thou shalt not be afraid of him.

CHAP. XIX.

¶ The cities of refuge. 14 The land-mark not to be removed. 16 The punishment of a false witness.

When the LORD thy God hath cut off the nations, whose land the LORD thy God giveth thee, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their cities, and in their houses;

2 Thou shalt separate three cities for thee in the midst of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.

3 Thou shalt prepare thee a way, and divide the coasts of thy land (which the LORD thy God giveth thee to inherit) into three parts; that every slayer may flee thither.

4 ¶ And this is the case of the slayer, foot,

which shall flee thither, that he may live; whose killeth his neighbour ignorantly, whom he hated not in time past;

5 As when a man goeth into the wood with his neighbour, to hew wood, and his hand fetcheth a stroke with the ax to cur down the tree, and the head slippeth from the helve, and lighteth upon his neighbour, that he die; he shall die unto one of those cities, and live:

6 Lest the avenger of the blood pursue the slayer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and slay him, whereas he was not worthy of death, in as much as he hated him not in time past.

7 Wherefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt separate three cities for thee.

8 And if the LORD thy God enlarge thy coast (as he hath sworn unto thy fathers), and give thee all the land which he promised to give unto thy fathers;

9 (If thou shalt keep all these commandments to do them, which I command thee this day, to love the LORD thy God, and to walk ever in his ways) then shalt thou add three cities more for thee, beside these three:

10 That innocent blood be not shed in thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and so blood be upon thee.

11 ¶ But if any man hate his neighbour, and lie in wait for him, & rise up against him, and smite him mortally that he die, and flee into one of these cities;

12 Then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die.

13 Thine eye shall not pity him, but thou shalt put away the guilt of innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with thee.

14 ¶ Thou shalt not remove thy neighbour's land-mark, which they of old time have set in thine inheritance, which thou shalt inherit, in the land that the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.

15 ¶ One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses shall the matter be established.

16 ¶ If a false witness rise up against any man to testify against him that which is wrong;

17 Then both the men between whom the controversy is, shall stand before the LORD, before the priests, and the judges which shall be in those days.

18 And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and behold, if the witness be a false witness, and hath testified falsely against his brother;

19 Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you.

20 And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you.

21 Anything eye shall not pity, for life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for

CHAP. XX.

1 The priests exhortation to encourage the people to battel. 10 How to use the cities that accept or refuse the proclamation of peace.

When thou goest out to battel against thine enemies, and sett horses and chariots, and a people more then thou, be not afraid of them: for the LORD thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

2 And it shall be when ye are come nigh unto the battel, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people,

3 And shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel, you approach this day unto battel against your enemies: let not your hearts faint, fear not and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them.

4 For the LORD your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

5 ¶ And the officers shall speak unto the people, saying, what man is there that hath built a new house, and hath not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battel, and another man dedicate it.

6 And what man is he that hath planted a vineyard, and hath not yet eaten of it? let him also go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battel, and another man eat of it.

7 And what man is there that hath betrothed a wife, & hath not taken her? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in battel, & another man take her.

8 And the officers shall speak further unto the people, and they shall say, what man is there that is fearfull and faint hearted? let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethrens heart faint as well as his heart.

9 And it shall be when the officers have made an end of speaking unto the people, that they shall make captains of the armies to lead the people.

10 ¶ When thou comest nigh unto a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace unto it.

11 And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace, and open unto thee, then it shall be that all the people that is found therein, shall be tributaries unto thee, and they shall serve thee.

12 And if it will make no peace with thee, but will make war against thee, then thou shalt besiege it.

13 And when the LORD thy God hath delivered it into thine hands, thou shalt smite every male thereof with the edge of the sword.

14 But the women, and the little ones, and the cattel, and all that is in the city, even all the spoil thereof, shalt thou take unto thy self: and thou shalt eat the spoil of thine enemies, which the LORD thy God hath given thee.

15 Thus shalt thou do unto all the cities which are very far off from thee, which are not of the cities of these nations.

16 But of the cities of these people which the LORD thy God doth give thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth:

17 But thou shalt utterly destroy them,

Namely, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee:

18 That they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods, so should ye sin against the LORD your God.

19 ¶ When thou shalt besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by forcing an ax against them: for thou mayest eat of them, and thou shalt not cut them down (for the tree of the field is mans life) to employ them in the siege.

20 Onely the trees which thou knowest they be not trees for meat, thou shalt destroy and cut them down: & thou shalt build bulwarks against the city that maketh war with thee, untill it be subdued.

CHAP. XXI.

1 The expiation of uncertain murder. 15 The first-born not to be disinherited upon private affection. 18 A stubborn son is to be stoned to death.

If one be found slain in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it, lying in the field, and it be not known who hath slain him:

2 Then thy elders and thy judges shall come forth, and they shall measure unto the cities which are round about him that is slain.

3 And it shall be that the city which is next unto the slain man, even the elders of that city shall take an heifer which hath not been wrought with, and which hath not drawn in the yoke.

4 And the elders of that city shall bring down the heifer unto a rough valley, & is neither eared nor sown, and shall strike off the heifers neck there in the valley.

5 And the priests the sons of Levi shall come near (for them the LORD thy God hath chosen to minister unto him, and to be in the name of the LORD) and by their word shall every controversy and every stroke be tried.

6 And all the elders of that city that are next unto the slain man, shall wash their hands over the heifer that is beheaded in the valley.

7 And they shall answer and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen it.

8 Be mercifull, O LORD, unto thy people Israel, whom thou hast redeemed, and lay not innocent blood unto thy people of Israels charge. And the blood shall be forgiven them.

9 So shalt thou put away the guilt of innocent blood from among you, when thou shalt do that which is right in the sight of the LORD.

10 ¶ When thou goest forth to war against thine enemies, and the LORD thy God hath delivered them into thine hands, and thou hast taken them captive,

11 And seest among captives a beautiful woman, and hast a desire unto her, that thou wouldst have her to thy wife:

12 Then thou shalt bring her home to thine house, and she shall shave her head, and pare her nails.

13 And she shall put the raiment of her capti-

captivity from off her, and shall remain in thine house, and bewail her father and her mother a full monerh; and after that, thou shalt go in unto her, and be her husband, and she shall be thy wife.

14 And it shall be if thou have no delight in her, then thou shalt let her go whither she will, but thou shalt not sell her at all for money, thou shalt not make merchandise of her, because thou hast humbled her.

15 ¶ If a man have two wives, one beloved and another hated, and they have born him children, *both* the beloved and the hated; and if the first-born son be hers that was hated;

16 Then it shall be, when he maketh his sons to inherit *that* which he hath, thy roof, that thou bring not blond upon thine house, if any man fall from thence.

17 But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated for the first-born, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath: for he is the beginning of his strength, and the right of the first-born is his.

18 ¶ If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and *that* when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them:

19 Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place:

20 And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; *he is* a glutton, and a drunkard.

21 And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you, and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

22 ¶ And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree;

23 His body shall not remain all night up in the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day (for he that is hanged, is accursed of God) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

CHAP. XXII.

1 Of humanity toward brethren.

20, 22 Of adultery. 25 Of rape,

28 and of fornication. 30 Incest.

THOU shalt not see thy brothers ox or his sheep go astray, and hide thyself from them; thou shalt in any case bring them again unto thy brother.

2 And if thy brother be not nigh unto thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it unto thine own house, and it shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it, and thou shalt restore it to him again.

3 In like manner shalt thou do with his ass, and so shalt thou do with his raiment, and with all lost things of thy brothers, which he hath lost, and thou hast found, thou shalt do likewise: thou mayest not hide thyself.

4 ¶ Thou shalt not see thy brothers ass or his ox fall down by the way, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt surely help him to lift him up again.

5 ¶ The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God.

6 ¶ If a birds nest chance to be before thee in the way in any tree, or on the ground, *whether they be* young ones, or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the dam with the young.

7 But thou shalt in any wise let the dam go, and take the young to thee, that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days.

8 ¶ When thou buidest a new house, then thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blond upon thine house, if any man fall from thence.

9 ¶ Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with divers seeds: lest the fruit of thy seed which thou hast sown, and the fruit of thy vineyard be defiled.

10 ¶ Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together.

11 ¶ Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, as of woollen and linen together.

12 ¶ Thou shalt make thee fringes upon the four quarters of thy vesture, wherewith thou coverest thy self.

13 ¶ If any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and have her,

14 And give occasions of speech against her, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I found her not a maid;

15 Then shall the father of the damsel, and her mother, take and bring forth unto the elders of the city the tokens of the damsel's virginity, unto the elders of the city to the gate.

16 And the damsel's father shall say unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, and he hath her,

17 And lo, he hath given occasions of speech against her, saying, I found not thy daughter a maid; and yet these are the tokens of my daughters virginity: and they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city.

18 And the elders of that city shall take that man and chastise him.

19 And they shall smite him in an hundred *shekels* of silver, and give them unto the father of the damsel, because he hath brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Israel: and she shall be his wife, he may not put her away all his days.

20 But if this thing be true, and the tokens of virginity be not found for the damsel:

21 Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her fathers house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die: because she hath wrought folly in Israel: to play the whore in her fathers house: so shalt thou put evil away from among you.

22 ¶ If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they shall both of them die, *both* the man that lay with the woman, & the woman: so shalt thou put away evil from Israel.

23 ¶ If a damsel that is a virgin be betrothed unto an husband, and a man finde her in the city, and lie with her:

24 **Th**ey shall bring them both out on, he shall wash himself with water: and unto the gate of that city; and ye shall when the sun is down, he shall come into stone them with stones that they die; the the camp again.

daniel, because he cried now, being in the city; and the man, because he hath without the camp, whither thou shalt go humbled his neighbours wife: so thou forth abroad.

Thou shalt put away evil from among you.

25 **I**f But if a man finde a betrothed thy weapon: and it shall be when thou daniel in the field, and the man force will ease thy self abroad, thou shalt dig her, and lie with her: then the man therewith, and shalt turn back and cover only that lay with her, shall die. that which cometh from thee.

26 **B**ut unto the daniel thou shalt do nothing, there is in the daniel no sin in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, worthy of death: for as when a man and to give up thine enemies before riseth against his neighbour, and slayeth thee: therefore shall thy camp be holy, him, even so is this matter. that he see no unclean thing in thee, and

27 **F**or he found her in the field, and turn away from thee. the betrothed daniel cried, and there. 15 **T**hou shalt not deliver unto his master, the servant which is escaped

28 **I**f a man finde a daniel that is from his master unto thee. a virgin, which is not betrothed, and 16 **H**e shall dwell with thee, even a lay hold on her, and lie with her, and moise you, in that place which he shall they be found: choose, in one of thy gates where it

29 **T**hen the man that lay with her shall liketh him best: thou shalt not oppress give unto the daniel's father fifty shekels him. 17 **T**here shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sojourner of the sons of Israel.

30 **A** man shall not take his fathers wife, nor discover his fathers skirt. 18 **T**hou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog into the house of the LORD thy God for any

31 **W**ho may, or who may not enter into the congregation. 19 **T**hou shalt not lend upon usury to thy brother; usury of money, usury of victuals, usury of any thing that is lent upon usury.

32 **H**e that is wounded in the stones, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD.

33 **A** bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD: even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the congregation of the LORD.

34 **A**n Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the LORD forever.

35 **B**ecause they met you not with bread and with water in the way, when ye came forth out of Egypt; and because they hired against thee Balaam the son of Beor of Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse thee.

36 **N**everthelesse, the LORD thy God would not hearken unto Balaam: but the LORD thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because the LORD thy God loved thee.

37 **T**hou shalt not seek their peace, nor their prosperity all thy days for ever.

38 **T**hou shalt not abhor an Edomite, for he is thy brother: thou shalt not abhor an Egyptian, because thou wast a stranger in his land.

39 **T**he children that are begotten of them, shall enter into the congregation of the LORD, in their third generation.

40 **W**hen the host goeth forth against thine enemies, then keep thee from every wicked thing.

41 **I**f there be among you any man that is not clean, by reason of uncleanness that choiceth him by night, then shall he go abroad out of the camp, he shall not come within the camp.

42 **B**ut it shall be when evening cometh

13 **T**hou shalt have a paddle upon thy weapon: and it shall be when thou shalt dig her, and lie with her, and shalt turn back and cover only that lay with her, shall die.

14 **F**or the LORD thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, worthy of death: for as when a man and to give up thine enemies before riseth against his neighbour, and slayeth thee: therefore shall thy camp be holy, him, even so is this matter.

15 **T**hou shalt not deliver unto his master, the servant which is escaped from his master unto thee.

16 **H**e shall dwell with thee, even a lay hold on her, and lie with her, and moise you, in that place which he shall choose, in one of thy gates where it

17 **T**here shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sojourner of the sons of Israel.

18 **T**hou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog into the house of the LORD thy God for any

19 **T**hou shalt not lend upon usury to thy brother; usury of money, usury of victuals, usury of any thing that is lent upon usury.

20 **U**nto a stranger thou mayest lend upon usury, but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon usury; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all that thou fettest thine hand to, in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

21 **W**hen thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee.

22 **B**ut if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee.

23 **T**hat which is gone out of thy lips, thou shalt keep and perform; even a free-will-offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the LORD thy God, which thou shalt promised with thy mouth.

24 **W**hen thou comest into thy neighbours vineyard, then thou mayest eat grapes thy fill, at thine own pleasure, but thou shalt not put any in thy vessel.

25 **W**hen thou comest into the standing corn of thy neighbours, then thou mayest pluck the ears with thine hands: but thou shalt not move a sickle unto thy neighbours standing corn.

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And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and put it in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house, or if the latter husband die, which took her to be his wife;

Her former husband which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled: for that is abomination before the LORD, and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

When a man hath taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business: but he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken.

No man shall take the nether or the upper millstone to pledge: for he taketh a mans life to pledge.

If a man be found stealing any of his brethren of the children of Israel, and maketh merchandise of him, or selleth him; then that thief shall die, and thou shalt put evil away from among you.

Take heed, in the plague of leprosy, that thou observe diligently, and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you: as I commanded them, so ye shall observe to do.

Remember what the LORD thy God did unto Miriam by the way, after that ye were come forth out of Egypt.

When thou dost lend thy brother any thing, thou shalt not go into his house to fetch his pledge.

Thou shalt stand abroad, and the man to whom thou dost lend shall bring unto thee the pledge abroad unto thee.

If the man be poor, thou shalt not sleep with his pledge.

In any case thou shalt deliver him the pledge again when the sun goeth down, that he may sleep in his own raiment, and bless thee: and it shall be righteousness unto thee before the LORD thy God.

Thou shalt not oppress an hired man, and speak unto him: as if he were that is poor & needy, whether he stand to it, and say, I like not to take her: of thy brethren, or of thy strangers that are in thy land within thy gates.

At his day thou shalt give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon thee, for he is poor, and setteth his heart upon it: lest he cry against thee unto the LORD, and it be sin unto thee.

The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

Thou shalt not pervert the judgment of the stranger, nor of the fatherless, nor take a widows raiment to pledge.

But thou shalt remember that thou hast been a bond-man in Egypt, & the LORD thy God redeemed thee thence: therefore thou shalt not pity her.

When thou currest down thine divers weights, a great and a small, as in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the stranger, and for the fatherless, and for the widow.

Thou shalt have a perfect and just measure that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands.

When thou bearest thine olive-tree, thy God giveth thee.

thou shalt not go over the boughs again: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.

When thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean it afterward: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.

And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bond-man in the land of Egypt: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

CHAP. XXV.

Stripes not to exceed forty, & the ox is not to be muzzled, & of unjust weights.

If there be a controversy between men, and they come unto judgement, that the judges may judge them, then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked.

And it shall be, if the wicked man be worthy to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, according to his fault, by a certain number.

Forty stripes he may give him, and not exceed: lest if he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother shall seem vile unto thee.

Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn.

If brethren dwell together, and one of them die and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husbands brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husbands brother unto her.

And it shall be, that the first-born which the beareth, shall succeed in the name of his brother which is dead, that his name be not put out of Israel.

And if the man like not to take his brothers wife, then let his brothers wife go up to the gate unto the elders, and say, My husbands brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in Israel, he will not perform the duty of my righteousness unto thee before the LORD.

Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak unto him: as if he say, I like not to take her.

Then shall his brothers wife come unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto that man that will not build up his brothers house.

And his name shall be called in Israel. The house of him that hath his shoe loosened.

When men strive together one man shall be put to death for his own sin, with another, and the wife of the one draweth near for to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that smiteth him, and taketh a widows raiment to pledge, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh his brethren by the secrets.

But thou shalt remember that thou hast been a bond-man in Egypt, & the LORD thy God redeemed thee thence: therefore thou shalt not pity her.

Thou shalt not have in thy bag a great and a small.

Thou shalt not have in thine house divers measures, a great and a small.

But thou shalt have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands.

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16 For all that do such things, and all the stranger, the fatherlesse, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled;

17 ¶ Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt:

18 How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, even as that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not God.

19 Therefore it shall be, when the LORD thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget it.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 The confession of him that offereth the basket of first-fruits. 2 The covenant between God and the people.

And it shall be when thou art come in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein:

2 That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose, to place his name there.

3 And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those dayes, and say unto him, I professe this day unto the LORD thy God, that I am come unto the country which the LORD sware unto our fathers for to give us.

4 And the priest shall take the basket out of thine hand, and set it down before the altar of the LORD thy God.

5 And thou shalt speak and say before the LORD thy God, A Syrian ready to perish was my father, and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there with a few, and became there a nation great, mighty and populous.

6 And the Egyptians evil intreated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage.

7 And when we cried unto the LORD God of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppression.

8 And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, & with an out-stretched arm, & with great terrible-ness, and with signes and with wonders.

9 And he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, even a land that floweth with milk & honey.

10 And now behold, I have brought the first-fruits of the land, which thou, O LORD, hast given me; and thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD thy God.

11 And thou shalt rejoyce in every good thing which the LORD thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine house, thou, and the Levite, and the stranger that is among you.

12 ¶ When thou hast made an end of sowing all the tithe of thine increase, the third year, which is the year of tithing, and hast given it unto the Levite, unto the LORD thy God,

13 Then thou shalt say before the LORD thy God, I have brought away the allowed things out of mine house, and have given them unto the Levite, and unto the stranger, to the fatherlesse, and to the widow, according to all thy commandments which thou hast commanded me; I have not transgressed thy commandments, neither have I forgotten them.

14 I have not eaten thereof in mourning, neither have I taken any ought thereof for any unclean use, nor given ought thereof for the dead; but have hearkened to the voice of the LORD my God, and have done according to all that thou hast commanded me.

15 Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, & the land which thou hast given us, as thou swarest unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

16 ¶ This day the LORD thy God hath commanded thee to do these statutes and judgements: thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thine heart and with all thy soul.

17 Thou hast avouched the LORD this day to be thy God, and to walk in his wayes, and to keep his statutes and his commandments and his judgements, and to hearken unto his voice.

18 And the LORD hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments:

19 And to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour, and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 The people are to write the law on stones. 2 To build an altar of whole stones. 3 The curse on mount Ebal.

And Moses with the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, Keep all the commandments which I command you this day.

2 And it shall be on the day when you shall passe over Jordan unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, that thou shalt set thee up great stones, and plaister them with plaister.

3 And thou shalt write upon them all the words of his law, when thou art passed over, that thou mayest go in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, a land that floweth with milk and honey; as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee.

4 Therefore it shall be when ye be gone over Jordan, that ye shall set up these stones which I command you this day, in mount Ebal, and thou shalt plaister them with plaister.

5 And there shalt thou build an altar unto the LORD thy God, an altar of stones: thou shalt not lift up any iron tool upon them.

6 Thou shalt build the altar of the LORD thy God of whole stones: and thou shalt offer burnt-offerings thereon.

7 And thou shalt offer peace-offerings, and shalt eat there; and rejoice before the LORD thy God.

8 And thou shalt write upon the stones all the words of this law, very plainly.

9 And Moses, & the priests & Levites spake unto all Israel, saying, Take heed, and hearken, O Israel, this day thou art become y^e people of the LORD thy God.

10 Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of the LORD thy God, and do his commandments, and his statutes which I command thee this day.

11 ¶ And Moses charged the people the same day, saying,

12 These shall stand upon mount Gerizim to bless the people, when ye are come over Jordan: Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin.

13 And these shall stand upon mount Ebal to curse: Reuben, Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

14 ¶ And y^e Levites shall speak, and say unto all y^e men of Israel wth a loud voice,

15 Cursed be the man that maketh any graven or molten image, an abomination unto the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth it in a secret place: and all the people shall answer and say, Amen.

16 Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother: and all the people shall say, Amen.

17 Cursed be he that removeth his neighbours land-mark: and all the people shall say, Amen.

18 Cursed be he that maketh the blinde to wander out of the way: and all the people shall say, Amen.

19 Cursed be he that perverteth the judgement of the stranger, fatherlesse, & widow: & all the people shall say, Amen.

20 Cursed be he that lieth with his fathers wife; because he uncovereth his fathers skirt: and all the people shall say, Amen.

21 Cursed be he that lieth with any manner of bealls: and all the people shall say, Amen.

22 Cursed be he that lieth with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother: and all the people shall say, Amen.

23 Cursed be he that lieth with his mother in law: and all the people shall say, Amen.

24 Cursed be he that smiteth his neighbour secretly: and all the people shall say, Amen.

25 Cursed be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person: and all the people shall say, Amen.

26 Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them; and all the people shall say, Amen.

CHAP. XXVIII.

2 The blessings for obedience. 13 The curses for disobedience.

And it shall come to passe, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day: that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth.

2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, & overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto y^e voice of the LORD thy God.

3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

4 Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattel, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

5 Blessed shall be thy basket & thy store.

6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

7 The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven wayes.

8 The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy store-houses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto: and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

9 The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his wayes.

10 And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of thee.

11 And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattel, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give thee rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the rail, and thou shalt be above onely, and thou shalt not be beneath: if thou shalt hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day to observe and to do them.

14 And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

15 ¶ But it shall come to passe, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day: that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee.

16 Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field.

17 Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store.

18 Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

19 Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

20 The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto, for so do; untill thou be destroyed, and untill thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness

hedeſſe of thy doings whereby thou haſt ſurprized me.

21 The LORD ſhall make the peſtilence cleave unto thee, untill he have conſumed thee from off the land, whither thou goeſt to poſſeſſe it.

22 The LORD ſhall ſmite thee with a conſumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extream burning, and with the ſword, and with blaiſting, and with mildew; and they ſhall purſue thee untill thou perith.

23 And the heaven that is over thy head ſhall be braſſe, and the earth that is under thee ſhall be iron.

24 The LORD ſhall make therein of thy land powder and duſt: from heaven ſhall it come down upon thee, untill thou be deſtroyed.

25 The LORD ſhall cauſe thee to be ſmitren before thine enemies: thou ſhalt go out one way againſt them, and flee ſeven wayes before them; and ſhalt bere-moved into all the kingdomes of the earth.

26 And thy caſe ſhall be mentioned all ſowls of the air, and unto the beaſts of the earth, & no man ſhall fray them away.

27 The LORD ſhall ſmite thee with ſigne and with the ene- rods, and with the ſcab, and with the itch, whereof thou canſt not be healed.

28 The LORD ſhall ſmite thee with madneſſe, and blindneſſe, and aſtoniſhment of heart.

29 And thou ſhalt grope at noon-dayes, as the blinde gropeth in darkneſſe; thou ſhalt not proſper in thy wayes; and thou ſhalt be ſorely oppreſſed, and ſpoiled evermore, and no man ſhall ſave thee.

30 Thou ſhalt betroth a wife, and another man ſhall lie with her: thou ſhalt build an houſe, and thou ſhalt not dwell therein: thou ſhalt plant a vineyard, and thou ſhalt not gather the grapes thereof.

31 Thine ox ſhall be ſlain before thine eyes, and thou ſhalt not eat thereof: thine aſſe ſhall be violently taken away from before thy face, and ſhall not be reſtored to thee: thy ſheep ſhall be given unto thine enemies, and thou ſhalt have none to reſcue them.

32 Thy ſour and thy daughters ſhall be given unto another people, and thine eyes ſhall look, and fail with longing for them all the day long: and there ſhall be no might in thine hand.

33 The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, ſhall a nation which thou knoweſt not, eat up: and thou ſhalt be ſorely oppreſſed and cruſhed away.

34 So that thou ſhalt be mad, for the ſight of thine eyes which thou ſhalt ſee.

35 The LORD ſhall ſmite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a ſore borch that cannot be healed, from the ſole of thy foot unto the top of thy head.

36 The LORD ſhall bring thee, and thy king which thou ſhalt ſet over thee, unto a nation which neither thou, nor thy fa- ther have known, and there ſhalt thou ſerve other gods, wood and ſtone.

37 And thou ſhalt become a ſtoniſhment, a proverb, and a by-word among all them of the ſhew of thy nations whither the LORD ſhall lead thee.

38 Thou ſhalt carry much ſeed out into the field, and ſhalt gather but little reſſe: for the locuſt ſhall conſume it.

39 Thou ſhalt plant vineyards and dreſſe them, but ſhalt neither drink the wine, nor gather the grapes: for the worms ſhall eat them.

40 Thou ſhalt have olive trees throughout all thy coaſts, but thou ſhalt not anoint thy ſelf with the oil: for the olive ſhall caſt his fruit.

41 Thou ſhalt beget ſons and daughters, but thou ſhalt not enjoy them: for they ſhall go into captivity.

42 All thy trees and fruit of thy land ſhall the locuſt conſume.

43 The ſtranger that is within thee ſhall get up above thee very high; and thou ſhalt come down very low.

44 He ſhall lend to thee, and thou ſhalt not lend to him: he ſhall be the head, and thou ſhalt be the tail.

45 Moreover, all theſe curſes ſhall come upon thee, and ſhall purſue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be deſtroyed, becauſe thou hearkneſt not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandements and his ſtatutes which he commanded thee.

46 And they ſhall be upon thee for a ſigne and for a wonder, and upon thy ſeed for ever.

47 Becauſe thou ſervedſt not the LORD thy God with joyfullneſſe and with gladneſſe of heart, for the abundance of all things:

48 Therefore ſhalt thou ſerve thine enemies which the LORD ſhall ſend againſt thee, in hunger, and in thirſt, and in nakedneſſe, and in want of all things; and he ſhall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, untill he have deſtroyed thee.

49 The LORD ſhall bring a nation againſt thee from far, from the end of the earth, as ſwift as the eagle flieth, a nation whoſe tongue thou ſhalt not underſtand:

50 A nation of fierce countenance, which ſhall not regard the perſon of the old, nor ſhew favour to the young.

51 And he ſhall eat the fruit of thy camel, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be deſtroyed: which alſo ſhall he leave thee either coyn wine, or oil, or the increaſe of thy kine, or ſlocks of thy ſheep, until he have deſtroyed thee.

52 And he ſhall beſiege thee in all thy gates, untill thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou truſteſt, throughout all thy land: and he ſhall beſiege thee in all thy gates, throughout all thy land which the LORD thy God hath given thee.

53 And thou ſhalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the fleſh of thy ſon and of thy daughters (which the LORD thy God hath given thee) in the ſiege and in the ſtrainneſſe wherewith thine enemies ſhall diſtreſſe thee.

54 So that the man that is tender among you and very delicate, his eye ſhall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his boſom, and towards the remnant of his children which he ſhall leave:

55 So that he will not give to any of the fleſh of his children whom he ſhall eat: becauſe he hath nothing left him in the ſiege, and in the ſtrainneſſe wherewith thine enemies ſhall diſtreſſe thee in all thy gates.

26 The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure and said unto them, Ye have seen all that I do for the sole of her foot upon the ground the LORD did before your eyes in the for delicatenesse and tendernes, her eye land of Egypt, unto Pharaoh, and unto shall be evil towards the husband of her all his servants, and unto all his land & bosome, and towards her sou, and to- 3 The great temptations which things wards her daughter, eyes have seen, the signes and those great

47 And towards her young one that miracles: cometh out from between her feet, and 4 Yet the LORD hath not given you towards her children which she shall bear: an heart to perceive, and eyes to see; and for she shall eat them for want of all ears to hear, unto this day.

things secretly in the siege and strait: 5 And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not steele thee in thy gares. waxenold upon you, and thy shoe is not

68 If thou wilt not observe to do all have you drunk wine, or strong drink: the words of this law that are written in 6 Ye have not eaten bread, neither this book, that thou mayest fear this glo- have you drunk wine, or strong drink: rious and fearful name, THE LORD that ye might know that I am the LORD THY GOD; your God.

69 Then the LORD will make thy 7 And when ye came unto this place, plagues wonderfull, and the plagues of Sihon the king of Heshbon, and Og the thy seed, even great plagues, and of long king of Bashan, came out against us unto continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of batel, and we more them.

8 And we took their land, and gave it long continuance. 8 And we took their land, and gave it

60 Moreover, he will bring upon thee for an inheritance unto the Reubenites, all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast and to the Gadites, and to the half-tribe afraid of, and they shall cleave unto thee. of Manasseh.

61 Also every sickness, and every 9 Keep therefore the words of this plague which is not written in the book covenant and do them, that ye may pro- of this law, them will the LORD bring upon thee in all that ye do.

62 And ye shall be left few in number, fore the LORD your God; your captains whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for of your tribes, your elders, and your of- multitude: because thou wouldest not feare, with all the men of Israel, obey the voice of the LORD thy God.

63 And it shall come to passe, that as thy stranger that is in thy camp, from the LORD rejoiced over you to do you the fewer of thy wood, unto the drawer good, and to multiply you; so the LORD of thy water: will reioice over you to destroy you, and 12 That thou shouldest enter into cov- to bring you to nought; and ye shall be nant with the LORD thy God, and into plucked from off the land whither thou hast oath, which the LORD thy God goest to possesse it.

64 And the LORD shall scatter thee 13 That he may establish thee to day for among all people, from the one end of the a people unto himself, that he may be- earth even unto the other, and there unto thee a God, as he hath said unto thee, thou shalt serve other gods, which nei- and is he hath sworn unto thy fathers, sheth thou nor thy fathers have known, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

65 And among these nations shalt thou this covenant and this oath: 14 Neither with you onely do I make find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest; but the LORD shall with us this day before the LORD our give thee there a trembling heart, and God, and also with him that is not here failing of eyes, and sorrow of minde. with us this day:

66 And thy life shall hang in doubt be- 16 (For ye know how we have dwelt in fore thee, and thou shalt fear day and the land of Egypt, and how we came night, and shalt have none assurance of through the nations which ye passed by.

67 In the morning thou shalt say, on, and their idols, wood and stone, bl- would God it were even: and at even ver and gold, which were among them, 17 And ye have seen their abominati- thou shalt say, would God it were morn- 18 Lest there should be among you man- ing, for the fear of thine heart where- or woman, or family, or tribe, whose with thou shalt fear, and for the sight of heart turneth away this day from the thing eyes which thou shalt see. LORD our God, to go and serve the gods

68 And the LORD shall bring thee of these nations; lest there should be into Egypt again, with ships, by the way among you a root that beareth gall and whereof I spake unto thee, thou shalt see wormwood,

69 And it come to passe when he heareth it no more again; and there ye shall be 19 And it come to passe when he heareth fold unto your enemies for bond-men & the words of this curse, that he bless bond-women, and no man shall buy you. himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination

CHAP. XXIX.

1 An exhortation to obedience. 29 Secret of mine heart, to add drunkenness to things belong unto God.

These are the words of the covenant 20 The LORD will not spare him, but which the LORD commanded Mo- then the anger of the LORD, and his re- ses to make with the children of Israel, in which shall smoke against that man, and the land of Moab, beside the covenant all the curses that are written in this book which he made with them in Horeb. shall lie upon him, and the LORD shall

blot out his name from under heaven.

21 And the LORD shall separate him unto evil, out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all *y* curses of *y* covenant, that are written in this book of the law:

22 So that the generation to come of your children *y* shall rise up after you, and the stranger that shall come from a far land, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses which the LORD hath laid upon it;

23 And that the whole land thereof is brimstone, and salt, and burning, that it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any prasse groweth therein, like the overthrow of Sodom, and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the LORD overthrew in his anger and in his wrath:

24 Even all nations shall say, Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this land? what meaneth *y* heart of this great anger?

25 Then men shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt.

26 For they went and served other gods, and worshipped them, gods whom they knew not, and whom he had not given unto them.

27 And *y* anger of the LORD was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book.

28 And the LORD rooted them out of their land in anger and in wrath and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as it is this day.

29 The secret things belong unto the LORD our God; but those things which are revealed belong unto us, and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

CHAP. XXX.

1 *Great mercies promised unto the repentant.* 11 *The commandment is manifest.*

15 *Death and life are set before them.*

AND it shall come to passe when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to minde among all the nations whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee,

2 And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart and with all thy soul:

3 That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.

4 If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee.

5 And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.

6 And the LORD thy God will circuncise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live,

7 And the LORD thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, & persecuted thee.

8 And thou shalt return and obey the voice of the LORD, and do all his commandments & I command thee this day.

9 And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattel, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the LORD will again rejoyce over thee for good, as he rejoyced over thy fathers:

10 If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God to keep his commandments, and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart and with all thy soul.

11 ¶ For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off.

12 It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

14 But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

15 ¶ See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil:

16 In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgements, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

17 But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them:

18 I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan, to go to possess it.

19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

20 That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him (for he is thy life, and the length of thy dayes) that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 *Moses encourageth the people, 7 and Joshua. 9 He delivereth the law to the priests, to read it in the seventh year to the people.*

AND Moses went and spake these words unto all Israel.

2 And he said unto them, I am an hundred and twenty years old this day: I can no more go out and come in: also the LORD hath said unto me, Thou shalt not go over this Jordan.

1 The LORD thy God, he will gochem, and they shall be devoured, and over before thee, and he will destroy many evils and troubles shall befall these nations from before thee, and thou them, so that they will say in that days their possesse them: and Joshua, he shall be not these evils come upon us, be- go over before thee, as the LORD hath cause our God is not amongst us?

4 And the LORD shall do unto them that day, for all the evils which they as he did to Sihon, and to Og, kings of shall have wrought, in that they are the Amorites, and unto the land of shall have wrought, in that they are them, whom he destroyed.

5 And the LORD shall give them up for you, and teach it the children of Is- before your face, that ye may do unto israel: put it in their mounthes, that this them according unto all the commande-ment: song may be a witness for me against ments which I have commanded you. the children of Israel.

6 Be strong and of a good courage, fear 10 For when I shall have brought them not nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he is with thee, that flower with milk and honey; and he will not fail thee nor forsake thee. they shall have eaten and filled them-

7 ¶ And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Is- rael, Be strong and of a good courage; for thou shalt go with this people unto the land which the LORD hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it.

8 And the LORD, he is with thee, he will not fail thee neither forsake thee: fear not neither be dismayed.

9 ¶ And Moses wrote this law, and delivered it unto the priests the sons of Levi, which bare the ark of the cove- nant of the LORD, and unto all the elders of Israel.

10 And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of every seven years, in the solemnity of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles,

11 When all Israel is come to appear before the LORD thy God, in the place which he shall choose: thou shalt read this law before all Israel, in their hearing.

12 Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy stran- ger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the LORD your God, and observe to do all the words of this law:

13 And that their children which have not known anything, may hear and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possesse it.

14 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thy dayes approach: that thou must die: call Joshua, and present your selves in the tabernacle of the congre- gation, that I may give him a charge. And Moses and Joshua went; and pre- sented themselves in the tabernacle of the congregation.

15 And the LORD appeared in the tabernacle in a pillar of a cloud: and the pillar of the cloud stood over the door of the tabernacle.

16 ¶ And the LORD said unto Mo- ses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, and this people will rise up and go a whoring after the gods of the stran- gers of the land whither they go to be an ught them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them.

17 Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will for- sake them, and I will hide my face from

18 ¶ And it came to passe when Mo- ses had made an end of writing the words of this law, that he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou shalt bring the children of Israel unto the land which I swore unto them: & I will be with thee.

19 ¶ And it came to passe when Mo- ses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished;

20 ¶ And Moses commanded the Le- vites which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying,

21 Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee.

22 For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: Behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebel- lious against the LORD; and how much more after my death?

23 ¶ And Moses said unto all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to record against them.

24 For I know, that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have com- manded you: and evil will befall you in the latter dayes, because ye will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through y work of your hands.

25 And Moses spake in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song, until they were ended.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 Moses song, setting forth Gods mere and vengeance. 2 God sendeth him to mount Nebo to see the land, and dis- cussive ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the word of my mouth.

3 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distill as the dew, as the

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small rain upon the tender herb, and as and shall burn into the lowest hell, and the shower upon the grass.

3 Because, I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his wayes are judgement: a God of truth, and without iniquity, just and right is he.

5 They have corrupted themselves, their spot is not the spot of his children: they are a perverse and crooked generation.

6 Do ye thus require the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? Is not he thy Father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee?

7 Remember the dayes of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee, thy elders, and they will tell thee.

8 When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.

9 For the LORDS portion is his people: Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.

10 He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness: he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.

11 As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings;

12 So the LORD alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.

13 He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields, and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock.

14 Burner of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats with the fat of kidneys of wheat, and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape.

15 But Jerusalem waxed fat, and kicked: she is waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatnesse; then he forsook God who made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.

16 They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger.

17 They sacrificed unto devils, not to gods; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.

18 Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unthankfull, and hast forgotten God thy formed thee.

19 And when the LORD saw it, he abhorred them, because of the provocation of his sons, and of his daughters.

20 And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end will be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith.

21 They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God, they have provoked me to anger with their vanities, and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people, I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

22 For a fire is kindled in my anger, his servants, and will render vengeance

23 I will heap mischiefs upon them, I will spend mine arrows upon them.

24 They shall be burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction: I will also send the reeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust.

25 The sword without, and terror within shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of gray hairs.

26 I said, I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrances of them to cease from among men;

27 Were it not that I feared the wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries should behave themselves strangely, and lest they should say, Our hand is high, and the LORD hath not done all this.

28 For they are a nation void of counsel, neither is there any understanding in them.

29 O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider

30 How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up?

31 For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges.

32 For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah; their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter.

33 Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps.

34 Is not this laid up in store with me, and sealed up among my treasures?

35 To me belongeth vengeance, and recompence; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.

36 For the LORD shall judge his people, and repeat himself for his servants when he seeth that their power is gone, and there is none that up, or left.

37 And he shall say, where are their gods, their rock in whom they trusted?

38 which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drinkings, and be your protection.

39 See now, that I, even I am he, and there is no God with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.

40 For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever.

41 If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgement, I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.

42 I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh, and that with the blood of the slain, and of the captives, from the beginning of

43 Rejoyce, O ye nations with his people: for he will avenge the blood of

to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people.

44 ¶ And Moses came and spake all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he and Holhea the son of Nun.

45 And Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel.

46 And he said unto them, Set your hearts unto all the words which I re-
mune among you this day; which ye shall com-
mand your children to observe to do, all
the words of this law.

47 For it is not a vain thing for you:
because it is your life; and through this
thing ye shall prolong your days in the land
whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

48 And the LORD spake unto Moses
that self same day, saying,

49 Get thee up into this mountain A-
barim, unto mount Nebo, which is in the
land of Moab, that is over against Jeri-
cho; and behold the land of Canaan
which I give unto the children of Israel
for a possession.

50 And die in the mount whither thou
goest up, and be gathered unto thy peo-
ple; as Aaron thy brother died in mount
Hor, and was gathered unto his people:

51 Because ye trespassed against me
among the children of Israel, at the wa-
ters of Meribah kadeth, in the wilder-
ness of Zin; because ye tempted me not
in the midst of the children of Israel.

52 Yet thou shalt see the land before
thee, but thou shalt not go thither unto
the land which I give the children of
Israel.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 The majesty of God. 6 The blessings of
the twelve tribes. 26 The excellency
of Israel.

And this is the blessing wherewith
Moses the man of God blessed the
children of Israel before his death.

2 And he said, The LORD came from
Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them;
he shined forth from mount Paran, and
became with ten thousands of saints;
from his right hand went a fiery law for
them.

3 Yea, he loved the people; all his
saints are in thy hand; and they sat
down at thy feet; every one shall receive
of thy words.

4 Moses commanded us a law, even the
inheritance of a congregation of Jacob.

5 And he was king in Jerusalem, when
the heads of the people and the tribes of
Israel were gathered together.

6 ¶ Let Reuben live, and nor die; and
let not his men be few.

7 ¶ And this is the blessing of Judah:
and he said, Hear, LORD, the voice of
Judah, and bring him unto his people:
let his hands be sufficient for him, and be
thou as help to him from his enemies.

8 ¶ And of Levi he said, Let thy
Thummim and thy Urim be with thy
holy One, whom thou didst prove at Ma-
sah, and with whom thou didst strive at
the waters of Meribah;

9 who said unto his father and to his
mother, I have not seen him, neither did
he acknowledge his brethren, nor knew
his own children: for they have observed
thy word, and kept thy covenant.

10 They shall teach Jacob thy judge-

ments, and Israel thy law: they shall put
incense before thee, and whole burnt-
sacrifice upon thine altar.

11 Blessed, LORD, his substance, and
accept the work of his hands: smite
through the loins of them that rise a-
gainst him, and of them that hate him,
that they rise not again.

12 ¶ And of Benjamin he said, The
beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safe-
ty by him; and the LORD shall cover
him all the day long, and he shall dwell
between his shoulders.

13 ¶ And of Joseph he said, Blessed of
the LORD be his land, for the precious
things of heaven, for the dew, and for
the deep that coucheth beneath,

14 And for the precious fruits brought
forth by the sun, and for the precious
things put forth by the moon.

15 And for the chief things of the an-
cient mountains, and for the precious
things of the lasting hills,

16 And for the precious things of the
earth, and fulness thereof, and for the
good will of him that dwelt in the bush:
let the blessing come upon the head of
Joseph, and upon the top of the head of
him y was separated from his brethren.

17 His glory is like the firstling of his
bullock, and his horns are like the horns
of unicorns: with them he shall push the
people together to the ends of the earth;
and they are the ten thousands of Ephra-
im, & they are a thousands of Manasseh.

18 ¶ And of Zebulon he said, Rejoice,
Zebulon, in thy going out; and Issachar,
in thy tents.

19 They shall call the people unto the
mountain, there they shall offer sacrifices
of righteousness: for they shall suck of
the abundance of the seas, and of trea-
sures hid in the sand.

20 ¶ And of Gad he said, Blessed be
he that enlargeth Gad: he dwelleth as a
lion, and teareth the arm with the crown
of the head.

21 And he provided the first part for
himself, because there, in a portion of
the lawgiver was he seated; and became
with the heads of the people, he execu-
ted the justice of the LORD, and his
judgements with Israel.

22 ¶ And of Dan he said, Dan is a li-
ons whelp: he shall leap from Bashan.

23 ¶ And of Naphtali he said, O Naphtali,
satisfied with favour, and full with
the blessing of the LORD: possess thou
the west and the south.

24 ¶ And of Asher he said, Let Asher
be blessed with children; let him be ac-
ceptable to his brethren, and let him dip
his foot in oil.

25 Thy shoes shall be iron and brass;
and as thy days, so shall thy strength be.

26 ¶ There is none like unto the God
of Israel, who rideth upon the heaven
in thy help, and in his excellency on the
skie.

27 The eternall God is thy refuge, and
underneath are the everlasting arms: and
he shall thrust out the enemy from before
thee, and shall say, Destroy them.

28 Israel then shall dwell in safety
alone: the fountain of Jacob shall be up-
on a land of corn and wine, also his bea-
st shall drop down dew.

39 Happy art thou, O Israel : who is like unto thee ? O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency ! & thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee, & thou shalt tread upon their high places.

CHAP. XXXIV.

1 Moses from mount Nebo vieweth the land. 5 He dieth there. 9 Joshua succeeds him. 10 The praises of Moses.

And Moses went up from the plains of Moab, unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho : and the LORD shewed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan,

2 And all Naphthali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the utmost sea,

3 And the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm-trees, unto Zoar.

4 And the LORD said unto him, This is the land which I sware unto Abraham, saying, I will give it unto thy seed : I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither.

5 ¶ So Moses the servant of the

LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD.

6 ¶ And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor ; but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.

7 ¶ And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died : his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.

8 ¶ And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty dayes : so the dayes of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

9 ¶ And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom ; for Moses had laid his hands upon him : and the children of Israel bearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses.

10 ¶ And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face :

11 In all the signes and the wonders which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land,

12 And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses shewed in the sight of all Israel.

The book of JOSHUA.

CHAP. I.

1 The LORD appointeth Joshua to succeed Moses. 5, 9 Gods promise to afford, neither be thou dismayed : for the LORD thy God is with thee, whithersoever thou goest.

Now after the death of Moses, the servant of the LORD, it came to passe, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses minister, saying,

2 Moses my servant is dead ; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.

3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea, toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the dayes of thy life : as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee : I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

6 Be strong and of a good courage : for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land which I sware unto their fathers to give them.

7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee : turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein : for then thou shalt make the way prosperous, and thou shalt have good success.

9 Have not I commanded thee ? Be strong and of a good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed : for the LORD thy God is with thee, whithersoever thou goest.

10 ¶ Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

11 Passe through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals ; for within three dayes ye shall passe over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it.

12 And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, spake Joshua, saying,

13 Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, The LORD your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land :

14 Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan ; but ye shall passe before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them :

15 Untill the LORD have given your brethren rest, as he hath given you, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth them : then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses the LORDS servant gave you on this side Jordan toward the sun-rising.

16 ¶ And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou commandest us, we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go.

17 According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee : only the LORD thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses.

18 Whosoever he be that doth rebell against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words, in all that thou com-

commandest him, he shall be put to death: onely be strong and of a good courage.

CHAP. II.

1 *Rahab concealeth the two spies. 3 The covenant between her and them.*

2 *Their return and relation.*

And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men, to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho: and they went, and came into an harlots house, named Rahab, and lodged there.

2 And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Israel, to search out the country.

3 And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entred into thine house: for they be come to search out all the country.

4 And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they were:

5 And it came to passe about the time of shutting of y^e gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went, I wote not: pursue after them quickly, for ye shall overtake them.

6 But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof.

7 And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan, unto the fords: and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate.

8 ¶ And before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof;

9 And she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.

10 For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red-sea for you, when you came out of Egypt: and what you did unto the two kings of the Amorites that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.

11 And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.

12 Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the LORD, since I have shewed you kindness, that ye will also shew kindeesse unto my fathers house; and give me a true token:

13 And that ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.

14 And the men answered her, Our life for yours, if ye utter not this our business. And it shall be when the LORD hath given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee.

15 Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house was upon the town-wall, and she dwelt upon the wall.

16 And she said unto them, Get you

to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide your selves there three dayes, untill the pursuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way.

17 And the men said unto her, We will be blamelesse of this thine oath which thou hast made us swear.

18 Behold, when we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet-thread in the window, & thou shalt let us down by it: and thou shalt bring thy father, & thy mother, & thy brethren, & all thy fathers household home unto thee.

19 And it shall be, that whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we will be guiltlesse: and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand be upon him.

20 And if thou utter this our business, then we will be quit of this oath which thou hast made us to swear.

21 And she said, According unto your words, so be it. And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet-line in the window.

22 And they went, and came unto the mountain, and abode there three dayes, untill the pursuers were returned. And the pursuers sought them throughout all the way, but found them not.

23 ¶ So the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, & passed over, & came to Joshua the son of Nun, & told him all things that befell them:

24 And they said unto Joshua, Truly the LORD hath delivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the country do faint because of us.

CHAP. III.

1 *Joshua cometh to Jordan. 7 The Lord encourageth him. 14 The waters of Jordan are divided.*

And Joshua rose early in the morning, and they removed from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over.

2 And it came to pass after three dayes, that the officers went through the host;

3 And they commanded y^e people, saying, when ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it.

4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore.

5 And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctifie your selves: for to morrow the LORD will do wonders among you.

6 And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and passe over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

7 ¶ And y^e LORD said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnifie thee in the sight of all Israel, y^e that may know that as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee.

8 And thou shalt command the priests that bear y^e ark of the covenant, saying,

When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan.

9 And Joshua said unto the children of the covenant of the LORD, when of Israel, Come hither, and hear the words of the LORD your God.

10 And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel, that the living God is among you, Israel for ever.

11 Behold, the ark of the covenant, of the LORD of all the earth, passeth over them unto the place where they lodged before you into Jordan.

12 Now therefore take ye twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man.

13 And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the LORD of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from above: and they shall stand upon a heap.

14 And it came to pass when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people;

15 And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks at a time of harvest)

16 That the waters which came down them from above, stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is, beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even salt-sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho.

17 And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, untill all the people were passed clean over Jordan.

CHAP. IV.

1 The twelve stones taken for a memorial, saying, Come ye up out of Jordan. 9 Twelve other stones set up in the midst of Jordan. 10 The twelve stones are pitched in Gilgal.

And it came to pass when all the people were clean passed over Jordan, that the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying, Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man,

3 And command you them, saying, Take ye hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the priests stood firm, twelve stones, and ye shall carry them over with you, and lodge this night.

4 Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man.

5 And Joshua said unto them, Pass ye over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of Jordan, and take ye up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel:

6 That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean you by these stones?

7 Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the LORD: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever.

8 And the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jordan, as the LORD spake unto Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.

9 And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day.

10 ¶ For the priests which bare the ark, stood in the midst of Jordan, untill the water was finished that the LORD commanded Joshua to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua: and the people have passed over.

11 And it came to pass when all the people were clean passed over, that the ark of the LORD passed over, and the priests in the presence of the people.

12 And the children of Reuben, and of Manasse, passed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses spake unto Joshua. 13 About forty thousand prepared for war, passed over before the LORD unto battle, to the plains of Jericho.

14 ¶ On that day the LORD magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel, and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.

15 And the LORD spake unto Joshua, and saying, Command the priests that bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of Jordan.

17 Joshua therefore commanded the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, were come up out of the midst of Jordan, and the soles of the priests feet were lifted up unto the dry land, that the waters of Jordan returned unto their place, and flowed over all his banks, as they did before.

19 ¶ And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth day of the first foot flood firm, twelve stones, and encamped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho.

20 ¶ And those twelve stones which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal.

21 And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones?

22 Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land.

23 For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, untill ye were passed over, as the LORD did unto the Red-sea, which he dried

died up from before us, untill we were gone over :

24 That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mightie : that ye might fear the LORD your God forever.

CHAP. V.

1 The Canaanites are afraid. 2 Circumcision renewed. 10 The passover kept at Gilgal. 12 Manna ceased.

ANd it came to passe when all the kings of the Amorite, which were on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which were by the sea, heard that the LORD had died up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel untill we were passed over, that their heart melted; neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel.

2 ¶ At that time the LORD said unto Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time.

3 And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.

4 And this is the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, that were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt.

5 Now all the people that came out, were circumcised: but all the people that were born in the wilderness by the way, as they came forth out of Egypt, them they had not circumcised.

6 For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people that were men of war which came out of Egypt were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: unto whom the LORD sware that he would not shew them the land which the LORD sware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

7 And their children, whom he raised up in their stead, then Joshua circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way.

8 And it came to passe when they had done circumcising, all the people, that they abode in their places in the camp, till they were whole.

9 And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you: wherefore the priests going on, and blowing with the mane of the place is called Gilgal unto this day.

10 ¶ And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, in the plains of Jericho.

11 And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover: unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the self-same day.

12 ¶ And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land, neither had the children of Israel manna any more, but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan a year.

13 ¶ And it came to passe when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lift up his eyes and looked, and behold, there stood a

man over against him, with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?

14 And he said, Nay, but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my Lord unto his servant?

15 And the captain of the LORD's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot, for the place whereon thou standest, is holy: and Joshua did so.

CHAP. VI.

1 Jericho is shut up. 20 The walls fall down. 23 Rahab is saved. 26 The builder of Jericho is cursed.

NOw Jericho was straitly shut up, because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in.

2 And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour.

3 And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once: thus shall thou do six days.

4 And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams-horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets.

5 And it shall come to passe that when they make a long blast with rams-horns, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout: and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.

6 ¶ And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said unto them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams-horns before the ark of the LORD.

7 And he said unto the people, Pass on, and compass the city, and let him that is armed passe on before the ark of the LORD.

8 ¶ And it came to passe when Joshua had spoken unto the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams-horns, passed on before the LORD, and blew with the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them.

9 ¶ And the armed men went before the priests that blew with the trumpets, and the reareward came after the ark, the priests going on, and blowing with the mane of the place.

10 And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voices; neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, untill the day I bid you shout, then shall ye shout.

11 So the ark of the LORD compassed the city, going about it once: and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

12 ¶ And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.

13 And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams-horns before the ark of the LORD, went on continually, and blew with the trumpets; and the armed

CHAP. VII.

1 The Israelites are smitten at Ai.

16 Achan is taken by lot. 11 His confession. 22 His punishment.

men were before them, but the rearward came after the ark of the LORD, the priests going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

14 And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days.

15 And it came to passe on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner, seven times: onely on that day they compassed the city seven times.

16 And it came to passe at the seventh time, when the priests blew with 7 trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout, for the LORD hath given you the city.

17 ¶ And the city shall be accursed, even it and all that are therein, to the LORD: onely Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

18 And you, in any wise keep your selves from the accursed thing, lest ye make your selves accursed when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

19 But all the silver and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.

20 So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to passe when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

21 And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.

22 But Joshua had said unto the two men that had spied out the country, Go into the harlots house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she hath, as ye sware unto her.

23 And the young men that were spies, went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had: and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel.

24 And they burnt the city with fire, and all that was therein: onely the silver and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

25 And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her fathers household, and all that she had: and the dwellers in Israel even unto this day: because she hid the messengers which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

26 ¶ And Joshua adjured them at that time, saying, Cursed be the man before the LORD, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho: he shall lay the foundation thereof in his first-born, and in his youngest son shall he set up the gates of it.

27 So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame was noised throughout all the country.

BUT the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel.

2 And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth-aven, on the east-side of Beth-el, & spake unto them, saying, Go up and view the country. And the men went up and viewed Ai.

3 And they returned to Joshua, and said unto him, Let not all the people go up: but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ai, and make not all the people to labour thither; for they are but few.

4 So there went up thither of the people about three thousand men, and they fled before the men of Ai.

5 And the men of Ai smote of them about thirty and six men; for they chased them from before the gate even unto Shebarim, and smote them in the going down: wherefore the hearts of the people melted, and became as water.

6 ¶ And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face, before the ark of the LORD, untill the evening, he and the elders of Israel, and put dust upon their heads.

7 And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord GOD, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jordan.

8 O Lord, what shall I say, when Israel turneth their backs before their enemies?

9 For the Canaanites, and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear of it, and shall environ us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou do unto thy great name?

10 ¶ And the LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up, wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face?

11 Israel hath sinned, & they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even amongst their own stuff.

12 Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from amongst you.

13 Up, sanctifie the people, and say, Sanctifie yourselves against to morrow: for thus saith the LORD God of Israel, There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you.

14 In the morning therefore ye shall be brought according to your tribes: and it shall be that the tribe which the LORD taketh, shall come according to the families thereof, and the family which the

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LORD shall take, shall come by household; & the household which the LORD shall take, shall come man by man.

15 And it shall be, that he that is taken with the accursed thing, shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath: because he hath transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he hath wrought folly in Israel.

16 ¶ So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel by their tribes: & the tribe of Judah was taken:

17 And he brought the family of Judah, and he took the family of the Zarahites: and he brought the family of the Zarahites man by man, and Zabdi was taken:

18 And he brought his household man by man, and Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerab, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

19 And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done, hide it not from me.

20 And Achan answered Joshua, & said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, & thus & thus have I done.

21 When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I covered them, and took them, and behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

22 ¶ So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran unto the tent, & behold, it was hid in his tent, and the silver under it.

23 And they took them out of the midst of the tent, and brought them unto Joshua, and unto all the children of Israel, and laid them out before the LORD.

24 And Joshua and all Israel with him, took Achan's son of Zerab, and his silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them into the valley of Achor.

25 And Joshua said, why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire after they had stoned them with stones.

26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day: so the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger: wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, unto this day.

CHAP. VIII.

1 God encourageth Joshua 2 The stratagem whereby Ai was taken. 3 Joshua buildeth an altar, 4 & setteth the law on stones, 5 & propoundeth blessings and curses.

And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear not, neither be thou dismayed: take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai: see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land.

2 And thou shalt do to Ai and her king, as thou didst unto Jericho and her king: only the spoil thereof, and the cattle thereof shall ye take for a prey unto your selves: lay thee an ambush for the city behinde it.

3 ¶ So Joshua arose and all the people of war, to go up against Ai: and Joshua chose out thirty thousand mighty men of valour, and sent them away by night.

4 And he commanded them, saying, Behold, ye shall lie in wait against the city, even behinde the city: go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready.

5 And I, and all the people that are with me, will approach unto the city: and it shall come to passe when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them.

6 (For they will come out after us) till we have drawn them from the city: for they will say, They flee before us; as at the first: therefore we will flee before them.

7 Then ye shall rise up from your ambush, and seize upon the city: for the LORD your God will deliver it into your hand.

8 And it shall be when ye have taken the city, that ye shall set the city on fire: according to the commandment of the LORD shall ye do. See, I have commanded you.

9 ¶ Joshua therefore sent them forth; and they went to lie in ambush, and abode between Beth-el and Ai, on the west-side of Ai: but Joshua lodged that night among the people.

10 And Joshua rose up early in the morning, and numbered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai.

11 And all the people, even the people of war that were with him, went up and drew nigh, and came before the city, and pitched on the north-side of Ai: now there was a valley between them and Ai.

12 And he took about five thousand men, and set them to lie in ambush between Beth-el and Ai, on the west-side of the city.

13 And when they had set the people, even all the host that was on the north of the city, and their liers in wait on the west of the city: Joshua went that night into the midst of the valley.

14 ¶ And it came to passe when the king of Ai saw it, that they basted and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at a time appointed, before the plain; but he wist not that there were liers in ambush against him, behinde the city.

15 And Joshua and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness.

16 And all the people that were in Ai, were called together to pursue after them: and they pursued after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city.

17 And there was not a man left in Ai, or Beth-el, that went not out after Israel: and they left the city open, and pursued after Israel.

18 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Stretch out the spear that is in thy hand, toward Ai; for I will give it into thine hand. And Joshua stretched out the spear that he had in his hand, toward the city.

19 And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand; and they

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entered into the city, and took it, and burnt it, and set the city on fire.

19 And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way: and the people that fled to the wilderness turned back upon the pursuers.

21 And when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned again and slew the men of Ai.

22 And the other issued out of the city against them; so they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side: and they smote them, so that they let none of them remain, or escape.

23 And the king of Ai they took alive, and brought him to Joshua.

24 And it came to pass when Israel had made an end of slaying all the inhabitants of Ai, in the field, in the wilderness wherein they chased them, and when they were all fallen on the edge of the sword, until they were consumed, & that all the Israelites returned unto Ai, and smote it with the edge of the sword.

25 And so it was, that all that fell that day, both of men and women, were twelve thousand, even all the men of Ai.

26 For Joshua drew out his hand back wherewith he stretched out the spear, and until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.

27 Only the cattel and the spoil of that city, Israel took for a prey unto themselves, according unto the word of the LORD, which he commanded Joshua.

28 And Joshua burnt Ai, and made it an heap for ever, even a desolation unto this day.

29 And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until even-ride: and as soon as the sun was down, Joshua commanded that they should take his carcase down from the tree, and cast it at the entering of the gate of the city, and raise thereon a great heap of stones, that remaineth unto this day.

30 ¶ Then Joshua built an altar unto the LORD God of Israel in mount Ebal.

31 As Moses the servant of the LORD commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man hath life up any iron: and they offered thereon burnt-offerings unto the LORD, and sacrificed peace-offerings.

32 And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel.

33 And all Israel, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on this side the ark, and on that side, before the priests the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, as well the stranger, as he that was born among them; half of them over against mount Gerizim, and half of them over against mount Ebal: as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel.

34 And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings, and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the law,

35 There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read before all the congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that were conversant among them.

CHAP. IX.

The king combine against Israel. 3 The Gibeonites by craft obtain a league: 16 are condemned to perpetual bondage.

And it came to pass, when all the kings which were on this side Jordan, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the great sea, over against Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite heard thereof:

2 That they gathered themselves together to fight with Joshua, and with Israel: with one accord.

3 ¶ And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho, and to Ai,

4 They did work wisely, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, & took old sacks upon their asses, & wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up,

5 And old shoes, and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them, and all the bread of their provision was dried and mouldie.

6 And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, and said unto him, and unto the men of Israel, we be come from a far country: now therefore make ye a league with us.

7 And the men of Israel said unto the Hivites, Peradventure ye dwell among us, & how shall we make a league with you?

8 And they said unto Joshua, We are thy servants. And Joshua said unto them, who are ye? and from whence come ye?

9 And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come, because of the name of the LORD thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt,

10 And all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites, that were beyond Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og King of Bashan, which was at Ashtaroth.

11 Wherefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our country, spake to us, saying, Take victuals with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say unto them, we are your servants: therefore now make ye a league with us.

12 This our bread we took hot for our provision out of our houses, on the day we came forth to go unto you; but now behold, it is dry, and it is mouldie:

13 And these bottles of wine which we filled, were new, and behold, they be rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old, by reason of the very long journey.

14 And the men took of their victuals, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the LORD.

15 And Joshua made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation swore unto them.

16 And it came to pass at the end of three days, after they had made a league with them, that they heard that they

drive their neighbours, and that they dwell among them.

17 And the children of Israel journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day: now their cities were Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjath-jearim.

18 And the children of Israel smote them not, because the princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel: and all the congregation murmured against the princes.

19 But all the princes said unto all the congregation, we have sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel: now therefore we may not touch them.

20 This we will do to them; we will even let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath which we swore unto them.

21 And the princes said unto them, Let them live, (but let them be hewers of wood, and drawers of water unto all the congregation) as the princes had promised them.

22 ¶ And Joshua called for them, and he spake unto them, saying, Wherefore have ye beguiled us, saying, We are very far from you? when ye dwell among us.

23 Now therefore ye are cursed, and there shall none of you be freed from being bond-men, and hewers of wood, and drawers of water for the house of my God.

24 And they answered Joshua, and said, Because it was certainly told thy servants, how that the LORD thy God commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, & to destroy all the inhabitants of the land, from before you, therefore we were sore afraid of our lives because of you, and have done this thing.

25 And now behold, we are in thine hand: as it seemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us, do.

26 And so did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, that they slew them not.

27 And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood, and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the LORD, even unto this day, in the place which he should choose.

CHAP. X.

1 Five kings war against Gibeon. 6 Joshua rescueth it. 12 The sun and moon stand still at the word of Joshua.

Now it came to passe, when Adonizedek king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; (as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king) and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them;

2 That they feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, as one of the royal cities, & because it was greater than Ai, and all the men thereof were mighty.

3 Wherefore Adonizedek king of Jerusalem, sent unto Hoham king of Hebron, and unto Piram king of Lachish, and unto Debir king of Eglon, saying,

4 Come up unto me, and help me, that we may smite Gibeon: for it hath made

peace with Joshua, and with the children of Israel.

5 Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it.

6 ¶ And the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains, are gathered together against us.

7 So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour.

8 ¶ And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; and there shall none man of them stand before thee.

9 Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, and went up from Gilgal all night.

10 And the LORD discomfited them before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goeth up to Beth-horon, and smote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah.

11 And it came to passe, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the going down to Beth-horon, that the LORD cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: they were more which died with hail, than when they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword.

12 ¶ Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon, and thou moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? so the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, & hasted not to go down about a whole day.

14 And there was no day like that, before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel.

15 ¶ And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

16 But these five kings fled, and hid themselves in a cave at Makkedah.

17 And it was told Joshua, saying, The five kings are found hid in a cave at Makkedah.

18 And Joshua said, Roll great stones upon the mouth of the cave, and let men by it for to keep them.

19 And slay you not, let pursue after your enemies, and smite the lastmost of them, suffer them not to enter into their cities: for the LORD your God hath delivered them into your hand.

20 And it came to passe when Joshua and the children of Israel had made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they were consumed, that the rest which remained of them, were made into fenced cities.

21 And all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace: none moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel.

22 Then said Joshua, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five kings unto me out of the cave.

23 And they did so, and brought forth those five kings unto him out of the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon.

24 And it came to pass when they brought out those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the captains of the men of war, which went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them.

25 And Joshua said unto them, Fear not: for ye have discomfited them, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.

26 And afterward Joshua smote them, and slew them, and hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging upon the trees untill the evening.

27 And it came to pass at the time of the going down of the sun, that Joshua commanded, and they took them down off the trees, and cast them into the cave wherein they had been hid, and laid great stones in the caves mouth, which remain untill this very day.

28 ¶ And that day Joshua took Makkedah, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof he utterly destroyed, them, and all the souls that were therein, he left none remain: and he did to the king of Makkedah, as he did unto the king of Jericho.

29 Then Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, unto Libnah, and fought against Libnah.

30 And the LORD delivered it also, and the king thereof, into the hand of Israel, and he smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein: he left none remain in it, but did unto the king thereof, as he did unto the king of Jericho.

31 ¶ And Joshua passed from Libnah, & all Israel with him, unto Lachish, and encamped against it, & fought against it.

32 And the LORD delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel, which took it on the second day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

33 ¶ Then Horam king of Gezer, came up to help Lachish; and Joshua smote him and his people, until he had left him none remaining.

34 ¶ And from Lachish, Joshua passed unto Eglon, & all Israel with him, and they encamped against it, & fought against it.

35 And they took it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

36 And Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, unto Hebron, and they fought against it.

37 And they took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, & the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the souls that were therein: he left none remaining (according to all that he had done to Eglon) but destroyed it utterly, and all the souls that were therein.

38 ¶ And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him to Debir, and fought against it.

39 And he took it, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed all the souls that were therein, he left none remaining: as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to the king thereof, as he had done also to Libnah, and to her king.

40 ¶ So Joshua smote all the country of the hills, and of the south, and of the vale, and of the springs, and all their kings: he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD God of Israel commanded.

41 And Joshua smote them from Kadesh-barnea, even unto Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, even unto Gibeon.

42 And all these kings, and their land did Joshua take at one time: because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel.

43 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

CHAP. XI.

1 Divers king: overcome at the waters of Merom. 16 All the country taken by Joshua. 21 The Anakims cut off.

AND it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor had heard those things, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achishaph,

2 And to the kings that were on the north of the mountains, & of the plains, south of Cinneroth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dor, on the west;

3 And to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and to the Amorite; and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the mountains, and to the Hivite under Hermon, in the land of Mizpeh.

4 And they went out, they and all their hosts with them, much people, even as the sand that is upon the seashore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many.

5 And when all these kings were met together, they came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel.

6 ¶ And the LORD said unto Joshua, be not afraid because of them: for to morrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel: thou shalt bough their horses, and burn their chariots with fire.

7 So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly, and they fell upon them.

8 And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, who smote them, and chased them unto great Zidon, and unto Mizrephoth-maim, & unto the valley of Mizpeh eastward, and they smote them, until they left them none remaining.

9 And Joshua did unto them as the LORD bade him: he boughed their horses,

horses, & burnt their chariots with fire.

10 ¶ And Joshua at that time turned back, and took Hazor, and smote the king thereof with his sword: for Hazor before-time was the head of all those kingdoms.

11 And they smote all the souls that were therein with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying them: there was not any left to breathe; and he burnt Hazor with fire.

12 And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them did Joshua take, & smote them with the edge of the sword, and he utterly destroyed them, as Moses the servant of the LORD commanded.

13 But as for the cities that stood still in their strength, Israel burned none of them, save Hazor onely; that did Joshua burn.

14 And all the spoil of these cities, and the cattle, the children of Israel took for a prey unto themselves: but every man they smote with the edge of the sword, untill they had destroyed them, neither left they any to breathe.

15 ¶ As the LORD commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua: he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses.

16 So Joshua took all that land, the hills, and all the south-countrey, and all the land of Goshen, and the valley, and the plain, and the mountain of Israel, and the valley of the same:

17 Even from the mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir, unto Baal-gad, in the valley of Lebanon, under mount Hermon; and all their kings he took, and smote them and slew them.

18 Joshua made war a long time with all those kings.

19 There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save the Hivites the inhabitants of Gibeon; all other they took in battel.

20 For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, y they should come against Israel in battel, that he might destroy them utterly, and that they might have no favour, but that he might destroy them, as the LORD commanded Moses.

21 ¶ And at that time came Joshua and cut off the Anakims from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel: Joshua destroyed them utterly with their cities.

22 There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Israel: onely in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained.

23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Moses, and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel, according to their divisions by their tribes: and the land rested from war.

CHAP. XII.

1 The two kings whose countreys Moses took and disposed of. 2 The one and thirty kings on the other side Jordan which Joshua smote

Now these are the kings of the land, which the children of Israel smote;

and possessed their land, on the other side Jordan toward the rising of the sun; from the river Arnon, unto mount Hermon, and all the plain on the east.

2 Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heibon, and ruled from Arnon, which is upon the bank of the river of Arnon, and from the middle of the river, and from half Gilead unto the river Jabbok, which is the border of the children of Ammon;

3 And from the plain to the sea of Cinneroth on the east, and unto the sea of the plain, even the salt-sea on the east, the way to Berh-jeshimoth; and from the south, under Ashdod-th-pisgah.

4 And the coast of Og king of Bashan, which was of the remnant of the giants, that dwelt at Astaroth, and at Edrei;

5 And reigned in mount Hermon, and in Salcab, and in all Bashan, unto the border of the Gethurites, and the Maachathites, and half Gilead, the border of Sihon king of Heibon.

6 Them did Moses the servant of the LORD, and the children of Israel smite, and Moses the servant of the LORD, gave it for a possession unto the Reubenites and Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh.

7 ¶ And these are the kings of the countrey which Joshua and the children of Israel smote on this side Jordan on the west, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon, even unto the mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir, which Joshua gave unto the tribes of Israel for a possession, according to their divisions:

8 In the mountains, and in the valleys, and in the plains, and in the springs, and in the wilderness, and in the south countrey: the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

9 ¶ The king of Jericho, one: the king of Ai, which is beside Beth-el, one;

10 The king of Jerusalem, one: the king of Hebron, one;

11 The king of Jarmuth, one: the king of Lachish, one;

12 The king of Eglon, one: the king of Gezer, one;

13 The king of Debir, one: the king of Geder, one;

14 The king of Hormah, one: the king of Arad, one;

15 The king of Libnah, one: the king of Adullam, one;

16 The king of Makhledah, one: the king of Beth-el, one;

17 The king of Tappuah, one: the king of Hopher, one;

18 The king of Aphah, one: the king of Latharon, one;

19 The king of Madon, one: the king of Hazor, one;

20 The king of Shimron-meron, one: the king of Achishaph, one;

21 The king of Taanach, one: the king of Megiddo, one;

22 The king of Kedesh, one: the king of Jokneam of Carmel, one;

23 The king of Dor, in the coast of Dor, one: the king of the nations of Gilgal, one;

24 The king of Tizrah, one; all the kings thirty and one.

CHAP. XIII.

2 The bound of the land not yet enquired. 14, 33 The Lord and his sacrifices are Levites inheritance. 21 Balaam's sin.

NOW Joshua was old and stricken in years, and the LORD said unto him, Thou art old and stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.

2 This is the land that yet remaineth: all the borders of the Philistines, and all Geshuri.

3 From Sihor, which is before Egypt, even unto the borders of Ekron northward, which is counted to the Canaanites: five lords of the Philistines; the Gazathites, and the Ashdodites, the Ekhalonites, the Gittites, and the Ashronites; also the Avites.

4 From the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah that is beside the Sidonians, unto Aphek, to the borders of the Amorites:

5 And the land of the Gihjites, and all Lebanon toward the sun-rising, from Baal-gad under mount Hermon, unto the entering into Hamath.

6 All the inhabitants of the hill-country from Lebanon unto Misephorim, and all the Sidonians, them will I drive out from before the children of Israel: only divide thou it by lot unto the Israelites for an inheritance, as I have commanded thee.

7 Now therefore, divide this land for an inheritance unto the nine tribes, and the half tribe of Manasseh.

8 With whom the Reubenites, and the Gadites have received their inheritance, which Moses gave them, beyond Jordan eastward, even as Moses the servant of the LORD gave them:

9 From Aroer that is upon the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that is in the midst of the river, and all the plain of Medeba unto Dibon:

10 And all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, unto the border of the children of Ammon;

11 And Gilead, & the border of the Geshurites, and Maachathites, & all mount Hermon, and all Bashan unto Saleah:

12 All the kingdom of Og in Bashan, which reigned in Aiharoth and in Edrei, who remained of the remnant of the giants: for these did Moses smite, and cast them out.

13 Nevertheless, the children of Israel expelled not the Geshurites, nor the Maachathites: but the Geshurites and the Maachathites dwell among the Israelites until this day.

14 Only unto the tribe of Levi he gave none inheritance; the sacrifices of the LORD God of Israel made by fire, are their inheritance, as he said unto them.

15 And Moses gave unto the tribe of the children of Reuben, inheritance according to their families;

16 And their coast was from Aroer that is on the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that is in the midst of the river, and all the plain by Medeba.

17 Holiba and all her cities that are

in the plain; Dibon, and Bamoth-baal, and Beth-baal-meon,

18 And Jahaza, and Kedemoth, and Mephaah.

19 And Kirjathaim, and Zibmah, & Zareth-shabar, in the mount of the valley.

20 And Beth-peor, and Allodoth-pisgah, and Beth-jeshimoth.

21 And all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses smote with the princes of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, which were dukes of Sihon, dwelling in the country.

22 ¶ Balaam also the son of Beor the sooth-sayer did the children of Israel slay with the sword, among them that were slain by them.

23 And the border of the children of Reuben, was Jordan and the border thereof. This was the inheritance of the children of Reuben after their families, the cities, and the villages thereof.

24 And Moses gave inheritance unto the tribe of Gad, even unto the children of Gad according to their families:

25 And their coast was Jazer; and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the children of Ammon, unto Aroer that is before Rabbah:

26 And from Heshbon unto Ramath-mizpeh, and Betonim; and from Mahanaim unto the border of Debir;

27 And in the valley, Beth-aram, and Beth-nimrah, and Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, Jordan and his border, even unto the edge of the sea of Cinnereth, on the other side Jordan eastward.

28 This is the inheritance of the children of Gad after their families, the cities, and their villages.

29 ¶ And Moses gave inheritance unto the half tribe of Manasseh; and this was the possession of the half tribe of Manasseh, by their families.

30 And their coast was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all the coast of Jair, which are in Bashan, threescore cities:

31 And half Gilead, and Aharath, and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, were pertaining unto the children of Machir the son of Manasseh, even to the one half of the children of Machir by their families.

32 These are the countrys which Moses did distribute for inheritance in the plains of Moab, on the other side Jordan by Jericho eastward.

33 But unto the tribe of Levi Moses gave not any inheritance: the LORD God of Israel was their inheritance, as he said unto them.

CHAP. XIII.

1 The nine tribes and a half are to have their inheritance by lot. 6 Caleb by privilege obtaineth Hebron.

AND these are the countrys which the children of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel distributed for inheritance unto them.

1 By lot ~~was~~ their inheritance, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes, & for the half tribe.

2 For Moses had given the inheritance to two tribes, and a half tribe, on the other side Jordan: but unto the Levites he gave none inheritance among them.

3 For the children of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim: therefore they gave no part unto the Levites in the land, save cities to dwell in, with their suburbs for their cattle, and for their substance.

4 As the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did, and they divided the land.

5 Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizite, said unto

him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Moses the man of God, concerning me & thee, in Kadesh-barnea.

6 Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh-barnea, to espie out the land; and I brought him word again, as it was in mine heart.

7 Nevertheless, my brethren that went up with me, made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the LORD my God.

8 And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden, shall be thine inheritance, and thy childrens for ever: because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God.

9 And now behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old.

10 As yet I am as strong this day, as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out and to come in.

11 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day: (for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced) if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.

12 And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh, Hebron for an inheritance.

13 Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizite, unto this day: because that he wholly followed the LORD God of Israel.

14 And the name of Hebron before, was Kirjath-arba; which Arba was a great man among the Anakims. And the land had rest from war.

CHAP. XV.

The borders of the lot of Judah. 13 Caleb's portion and conquest. 16 Othniel's valour, and reward. 18 Achish's request. 19 The Jebusites not conquered.

THIS then was the lot of the tribe of the children of Judah by their families, unto the border of Edom; the wilderness of Zin southward: was the uttermost part of the south-coast.

2 And their south-border was from the shore of the salt sea, from the bay that looketh south-ward.

3 And it went out to the south-side to of two tribes, and a half tribe, on the Zin, and ascended upon the south-side unto Kadesh-barnea: and passed along unto Hebron, and went up to Adar, and fetched a compass to Karkaa.

4 From thence it passed toward Azmon, and went out unto the river of Egypt, and the goings out of that coast were at the sea: this shall be your south-coast.

5 And the east-border was the salt sea, even unto the end of Jordan; and the border in the north-quarter, was from the bay of the sea, at the uttermost part of Jordan.

6 And the border went up to Beth-bohim, and passed along by the north of Beth-arabah, and the border went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben.

7 And the border went up toward Debir from the valley of Achor, and so north-ward looking toward Gilgal; that is before the going up to Adummim, which is on the south-side of the river: and the border passed towards the waters of En-hemelech, and the goings out thereof were at En-rogel.

8 And the border went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom, unto the south-side of the Jebusite, the same is Jerusalem; and the border went up to the top of the mountain, that lieth before the valley of Hinnom, westward, which is at the end of the valley of the giants north-ward.

9 And the border was drawn from the top of the hill unto the fountain of the water of Nephtoi, and went out to the cities of mount Ephron, and the border was drawn to Baalah, which is Kirjath-jearim.

10 And the border compassed from Baalah westward unto mount Seir, and passed along unto the side of mount Jearim (which is Chesalon) on the north-side, and went down to Beth-thermeth, and passed on to Timnah.

11 And the border went out unto the side of Ekron north-ward; and the border was drawn to Shicron, and passed along to mount Baalah, and went out unto Jabneel; and the goings out of the border were at the sea.

12 And the west-border was to the great sea, and the coast thereof: this is the coast of the children of Judah round about, according to their families.

13 ¶ And unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh, he gave a part among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, even the city of Arba the father of Anak, which city is Hebron.

14 And Caleb drove thence the three sons of Anak, Sheshai, and Ahimani, and Talmi, the children of Anak.

15 And he went up thence to the inhabitants of Debir: and the name of Debir before was Kirjath-sepher.

16 ¶ And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achish my daughter to wife.

17 And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it: and he gave

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The borders of the sons of Joseph.

gave him Achish his daughter to wife.

18 And it came to pass, as she came unto him, that she moved him to ask of her father a field, and she lighted off her ass; and Caleb said unto her, what wouldst thou?

19 Who answered, Give me a blessing; for thou hast given me a fourth-land, give me also springs of water: and he gave her the upper springs, & the nether springs.

20 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families.

21 And the uttermost cities of the tribe of the children of Judah, toward the coast of Edom southward, were Kabzeel, and Eder, and Iagur,

22 And Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah,

23 And Kedesh, and Hazor, and Irbnan,

24 Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth,

25 And Hazor, Hadattah, and Kerioth, and Hezron, which is Hazor,

26 Aman, and Sheba, and Moladah,

27 And Hazar-gaddah, and Hethmon, and Beth-palet,

28 And Hazar-shual, and Beer-sheba, and Bizjothiah,

29 Baalah, and Iim, and Azem,

30 And Eltolad, & Chefil, and Hormah,

31 And Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sanianah,

32 And Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ali, and Rimmon: all the cities are twenty and nine, with their villages.

33 And in the valley, Eshtaol, and Zoreah, and Aithnah,

34 And Zanoah, and En-gannim, Tappuah, and Enam,

35 Jarmuth and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah,

36 And Sharaim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, and Gederothaim: fourteen cities with their villages.

37 Zenan, and Hadalah, and Migdal-gad,

38 And Dilean, and Mizpeh, and Joktheel,

39 Lathish, and Borkath, and Eglon,

40 And Cabbon, and Lahman, and Kichlish,

41 And Gederoth, Beth-dagon, and Naamah, and Makkedah: sixteen cities with their villages.

42 Lebnah, and Erber, and Ashan,

43 And Jiphta, and Aithnah, and Neziel,

44 And Keilah, and Achzib, and Mareshah: nine cities with their villages.

45 Ekron with her towns, & her villages.

46 From Ekron even unto the sea, all that lay near Ashdod with their villages.

47 Ashdod with her towns and her villages, Gaza with her towns and her villages, unto the river of Egypt, and the great sea, and the border thereof.

48 ¶ And in the mountains, Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh,

49 And Dannah, and Kirjath-sannah, which is Debir,

50 And Anab, and Althemoh, and Anim,

51 And Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh: eleven cities with their villages.

52 Arab, and Dumah, and Eshean,

53 And Janum, and Beth-tappuah, and Aphaiah,

54 And Humrah, and Kirjath-arba, [which is Hebron] and Zior: nine cities with their villages.

55 Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Juttah,

56 And Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah,

57 Cain, Gibeath, and Timnah: ten cities with their villages.

58 Halhal, Beth-zur, and Gedor,

59 And Mazarah, and Beth-anoth, and Eltekon: six cities with their villages.

60 Kirjath-baal (which is Kirjath-jearim) and Rabbah: two cities with their villages.

61 ¶ In the wilderness, Beth-arabah,

Middin, and Secacah,

62 And Nibhan, and the city of salt, and Engedi: six cities with their villages.

63 As for the Jebusites the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out: but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem unto this day.

CHAP. XVI.

1 The general borders of the sons of Joseph. 5 The border of the inheritance of Ephraim. 10 The Canaanites not conquered.

And the lot of the children of Joseph fell from Jordan by Jericho, unto the water of Jericho on the east, to the wilderness that goeth up from Jericho throughout mount Beth-el;

2 And goeth out from Beth-el to Lusi, and passeth along unto the borders of Archi to Ataroth,

3 And goeth down west-ward, to the coast of Tappuah, unto the coast of Beth-horon the nether, and to Gezer: and the goings out thereof are at the sea.

4 So the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance.

5 ¶ And the border of the children of Ephraim, according to their families, was this: even the border of their inheritance on the east-side, was Ataroth-addar, unto Beth-horon the upper.

6 And the border went out toward the sea, to Michmethah on the north-side, and the border went about east-ward unto Taanath-shilch, and passed by it on the east to Janohah:

7 And it went down from Janohah, to Ataroth and to Naarath, and came to Jericho, and went out at Jordan.

8 The border went out from Tappuah west-ward unto the river Kanah: and the goings out thereof were at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim by their families.

9 And the separate cities for the children of Ephraim were among the inheritance of the children of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages.

10 And they drove not out the Canaanites that dwell in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites unto this day, and serve under tribute.

CHAP. XVII.

1 The lot of Manasseh. 7 His sons. 12 The Canaanites not driven out. 14 The children of Joseph obtain another lot.

There was also a lot for the tribe of Manasseh; (for he was the first-born of Joseph) to wit, for Machir the first-born of Manasseh the father of Gilead: because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan.

2 There was also a lot for the rest of the children of Manasseh by their families.

And for the children of Abiezer, and for the children of Helek, and for the children of Asriel, and for the children of Shechem, and for the children of Hepher, and for the children of Shemida; these were the male-children of Manasseh the son of Joseph by their families.

¶ But Zelophehad the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Manasseh, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters; and these are the names of his daughters, Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

4 And they came near before Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the princes, saying, The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brethren: therefore according to the commandment of the LORD, he gave them an inheritance among the brethren of their father.

¶ And there fell ten portions to Manasseh, beside the land of Gilead & Bashan, which were on the other side Jordan;

6 Because the daughters of Manasseh had an inheritance among his sons: and the rest of Manasseh's sons had the land of Gilead.

7 ¶ And the coast of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethah, that lieth before Shechem, and the border went along on the right hand, unto the inhabitants of En-tappuah.

8 Now Manasseh had the land of Tappuah; but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the children of Ephraim.

9 And the coast descended unto the river Kanah, south-ward of the river: these cities of Ephraim are among the cities of Manasseh: ¶ the coast of Manasseh also was on the north-side of the river, and the out-goings of it were at the sea.

10 South-ward it was Ephraim, and north-ward it was Manasseh, and the sea is his border, and they met together in Asher on the north, and in Issachar on the east.

11 And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher, Beth-shean and her towns, and Ibleam and her towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of En-dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and her towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns, even three countries.

12 Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out the inhabitants of those cities, but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.

13 Yet it came to pass when the children of Israel were waxen strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute; but did not utterly drive them out.

14 And the children of Joseph spake unto Joshua, saying, why hast thou given me *this* one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I am a great people, forasmuch as the LORD hath blessed me hitherto?

15 And Joshua answered them, If thou be a great people, then get thee up to the wood-country, and cut down for thyself there in the land of the Perizzites, and of the giants, if mount Ephraim be too narrow for thee.

16 And the children of Joseph said, This hill is not enough for us; and all the Canaanites that dwell in the land of the valley, have chariots of iron, both they who are of Beth-shean and her towns, and they who are of the valley of Jezreel.

17 And Joshua spake unto the house of Joseph, even to Ephraim, and to Manasseh, saying, Thou art a great people, and hast great power: thou shalt not have one lot only.

18 But the mountain shall be thine, for it is a wood: and thou shalt cut it down: and the out-goings of it shall be thine: for thou shalt drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots, and though they be strong.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 The tabernacle is set up at Shiloh.

2 The remainder of the land is described, and divided by lot.

And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there, and the land was subdued before them.

2 And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes, which had not yet received their inheritance.

3 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long are you slack to go to possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers hath given you?

4 Give out from among you three men, for each tribe: and I will send them, and they shall rise, and go through the land, and describe it according to the inheritance of them, and they shall come again to me.

5 And they shall divide it into seven parts: Judah shall abide in their coast on the south, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their coasts on the north.

6 Ye shall therefore describe the land into seven parts, and bring the description hither to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD our God.

7 But the Levites have no part among you, for the priesthood of the LORD is their inheritance: and Gad and Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh, have received their inheritance beyond Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave them.

8 ¶ And the men arose, and went away: and Joshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying, Go, and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again to me, that I may here cast lots for you before the LORD in Shiloh.

9 And the men went, & passed through the land, and described it by cities, into seven parts, in a book, and came again to Joshua at the host at Shiloh.

10 ¶ And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh, before the LORD: and there Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel according to their divisions.

11 ¶ And the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up according to their families: and the coast of their lot came forth between the children of Judah, and the children of Joseph.

12 And their border on the north-side was from Jordan, and the border went up to the side of Jesicho, on the north-side,

side, and went up through the mountains west-ward, and the goings out thereof were at the wilderness of Beth-aven.

13 And the border went over from thence toward Luz, to the side of Luz (which is Beth-el) south-ward, and the border descended to Ataroth-adar, near the hill that lieth on the south-side of the border Beth-horon.

14 And the border was drawn thence, and compassed the corner of sea south-ward, from the hill that lieth before Beth-horon south-ward; and the goings out thereof were at Kirjath-baal (which is Kirjath-jearim) a city of the children of Judah; This was the west-quarter.

15 And the fourth-quarter was from the end of Kirjath-jearim, and the border went out on the west; and went out to the well of waters of Nephtuah.

16 And the border came down to the end of the mountain that lieth before the valley of the son of Hinnom, and which is in the valley of the giants on the north, and descended to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of Jebusi on the south, and descended to En-togel,

17 And was drawn from the north, and went forth to En-themeth, and went forth toward Gelliloth, which is over against the going up of Adummim, and descended to the stone of Boban the son of Reuben,

18 And passed along toward the side over against Arabah north-ward, and went down unto Arabah.

19 And the border passed along to the side of Beth-hoglah north-ward; and the outgoings of the border were at the north-bay of the salt-sea at the south-end of Jordan; This was the south-coast.

20 And Jordan was the border of it on the east-side: This was the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by the coasts thereof round about, according to their families.

21 Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin according to their families, were Jericho, and Beth-hoglah, and the valley of Keziz,

22 And Beth-arabah, and Zemaraim, and Beth-el,

23 And Avim, and Parah, and Ophrah,

24 And Chephar-haammoui, and Ophni, and Gaba: twelve cities with their villages.

25 Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beeroth, 26 And Mizpeh, and Chephirah, and Morah,

27 And Rekem, and Irpeel, & Taralah,

28 And Zelah, Eleph, and Jebusi, (which is Jerusalem) Gibeath, and Kirjath: the out-goings of their border were at fourteen cities with their villages. This Jordan: sixteen cities with their villages.

29 This is the inheritance of the tribe of Benjamin according to their families.

CHAPTER XIX.

1 The lot of Simeon, 2 of Zebulun, 3 of Naphtali,

4 of Dan. 49 The children of Israel the tribe of the children of Aser, according to their families.

And the second lot came forth to Simeon, even for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families: and their inheritance was within Mitheal; and reacheth to Carmel with the inheritance of the children of Judah-ward, and to Shihor-libnath;

2 And they had in their inheritance,

Beer-sheba, and Sheba, and Moladah, 3 And Hazar-lunai, and Balah, and Aram,

4 And Etrolad, and Bethu, and Hormah,

5 And Ziklag, and Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-lusah,

6 And Beth-isbaceh, and Sharubeni: thirteen cities and their villages.

7 Ain, Remmon, and Eber, and Asham: four cities and their villages.

8 And all the villages that were round about these cities, to Baalath-beer, Ramath of the south: This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families.

9 Out of the portion of the children of Judah, was the inheritance of the children of Simeon: for the part of the children of Judah was too much for them: therefore the children of Simeon had their inheritance within the inheritance of them.

10 ¶ And the third lot came up for the children of Zebulun, according to their families: and the border of their inheritance was unto Sarid.

11 And their border went up toward the sea, and Maralah, and reached to Habbath, and reached to the river that is before Jokneam,

12 And turned from Sarid east-ward, toward the sun-rising, unto the border of Chisloth-tabor, and then goeth out to Daberath, and goeth up to Iaphta,

13 And from thence passeth on along on the east to Gittah-berpher, to Imah-kazin, and goeth out to Remmon-misbeah to Neah.

14 And the border compasseth it on the north-side to Hanathon: and the outgoings thereof are in the valley of Jiphthah-el.

15 And Karrah, and Nahallal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Beth-lehem: twelve cities with their villages.

16 This is the inheritance of the children of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.

17 ¶ And the fourth lot came out to Issachar, for the children of Issachar, according to their families.

18 And their border was toward Jezreel, and Chesuloth, and Shunem,

19 And Naphtali, and Shihon, and Anaharath,

20 And Rabbith, and Kishion, & Abes,

21 And Remeth, and En-gannim, and En-haddah, and Beth-pazzez.

22 And the coast reacheth to Tabor, and Shihazinah, and Beth-themesh, and Kirjath: the out-goings of their border were at fourteen cities with their villages.

23 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Issachar according to their families, the cities and their villages.

24 ¶ And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Aser, according to their families.

25 And their border was Helkath, and Heth, and Beren, and Achihab,

26 And Alammelech, and Amady, and Carmel: and reacheth to Carmel with the inheritance of the children of Judah-ward, and to Shihor-libnath;

27 And turneth toward the sun-rising

in Beth-dagon, and reacheth to Zebulun, and to the valley of Tiphthah-el toward the north-side of Beth-emek, and Netel, and goeth out to Cabul on the left hand,

29 And Hebron, and Rabob, and Hammon, and Kanah, even unto great Sidon : and then the coast turneth to Ramah, and to the strong city Tyre, and the coast runneth to Hothab, and the outgoings thereof are at the sea from the coast to Achzib.

30 Ummah also and Aphek, and Rehob : twenty & two cities with their villages.

31 This is the inheritance of the tribe of children of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.

32 ¶ The sixth lot came out to the children of Naphtali : even for the children of Naphtali according to their families.

33 And their coast was from Heleph, from Allon to Zaannanim, and Adami, Nekeb, and Jabneel unto Lakum : and the outgoings thereof were at Jordan.

34 And then the coast turneth westward to Aznoth-tabor, and goeth out from thence to Hukkok, and reacheth to Zebulun on the south-side, and reacheth to Asher on the west-side, and to Judah upon Jordan toward the sun-rising.

35 And the fenced cities are Ziddim, Zer, & Hammath, Rakkath, & Cinnereth,

36 And Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazor,

37 And Kedesh, and Edrei, and Enbazar,

38 And Iroh, and Migdal-el, Horem, and Beth-anath, and Beth-shemesh : nineteen cities with their villages.

39 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali according to their families, y cities & their villages.

40 ¶ And the seventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan, according to their families :

41 And the coast of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and Ir-shemesh,

42 And Shaalabbin, and Ajalon, and Jethlah,

43 And Elon, and Thimnathah, and Ekron,

44 And Elekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath,

45 And Jebud, and Bene-berak, and Gath-timmon,

46 And Me-jarkon, and Rakkon, with the border before Japho.

47 And the coast of the children of Dan went out to the sea for them : therefore the children of Dan went up to fight against Lethem, and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and called Lethem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father.

48 This is the inheritance of the tribe of children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

49 ¶ When they had made an end of dividing the land for inheritance by their coats, the children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun, among them :

50 According to the word of the LORD, they gave him the city which he asked, even Timnath-serah in mount Ephraim, and he built the city, and dwelt therein.

51 These are the inheritances which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of

Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, divided for an inheritance by lot, in Shiloh before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation : so they made an end of dividing the country.

CHAP. XX.

1 God commandeth, and the children of Israel appoint the six cities of refuge.

THE LORD also spake unto Joshua,

2 saying, Speak to the children of Israel, saying, Appoint out for you cities of refuge, wherof I spake unto you by the hand of Moses :

3 That the slayer that killeth any person unawares and unwittingly, may flee thither : and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood.

4 And when he that doth flee unto one of those cities, shall stand at the entering of the gate of the city, and shall declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city : they shall take him from the city unto them, and give him a place that he may dwell among them.

5 And if the avenger of blood pursue after him, then they shall not deliver the slayer up into his hands, because he smote his neighbour unwittingly, and hated him not before time.

6 And he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the congregation for judgement, and until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days : then shall the slayer return and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from whence he fled.

7 ¶ And they appointed Kedesh in Galilee in mount Naphtali, and Shechem in mount Ephraim, and Kirjath-arba (which is Hebron) in y mountain of Judah.

8 And on the other side Jordan by Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness upon the plain, out of the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh.

9 These were the cities appointed for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them, that whosoever killeth any person unawares, might flee thither, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stand before the congregation.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Eight and fourty cities given by lot out of the other tribes unto the Levites. 43 God giveth them.

THEN came near the heads of the fathers of the Levites unto Eleazar the priest, and unto Joshua the son of Nun, and unto the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel.

2 And they spake unto them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, The LORD commanded by the hand of Moses, to give us cities to dwell in, with the suburbs thereof for our cattle.

3 And the children of Israel gave unto the Levites out of their inheritance at the commandment of the LORD, these cities and their suburbs.

4 And the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites : and the children of Aaron the priest, which were of the

Levites, had by lot out of the tribe of Simeon, of Kohath remained. and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities.

5 And the rest of the children of Kohath had by lot, out of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh, ten cities.

6 And the children of Gershon had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

7 The children of Merari by their families, had out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

8 And the children of Israel gave by lot unto the Levites these cities with their suburbs, as the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses.

9 ¶ And they gave out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, these cities which are here mentioned by name.

10 Which the children of Aaron bring vires, out of the families of the Kohathites, who bear the ark with them, out of the tribe of Levi, had: (for her suburbs, theirs was the first lot.)

11 And they gave them the city of Arbah the father of Anak (which city is Hebron) in the hill-country of Judah, with the suburbs thereof round about it.

12 But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, gave they to Caleb the son of Iephunneh, for his possession.

13 ¶ Thus they gave to the children of Aaron the priest, Hebron with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Mahanaim with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Libnah with her suburbs.

14 And Jattir with her suburbs, and Beersheba with her suburbs.

15 And Holon with her suburbs, and Debir with her suburbs.

16 And Ain with her suburbs, and Juttah with her suburbs, and Bethshemesh with her suburbs: nine cities out of those two tribes.

17 And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with her suburbs, Geba with her suburbs.

18 Anathoth with her suburbs, and Almon with her suburbs: four cities.

19 All the cities of the children of Aaron the priests, were thirteen cities unto their fathers: and they possessed them with their suburbs.

20 ¶ And the families of the children of Kohath the Levites, which remained of the tribe of Ephraim, even they had cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim.

21 For they gave them Shechem with her suburbs in mount Ephraim, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Gezer with her suburbs.

22 And Kibzaim with her suburbs, and Bethoron with her suburbs: four cities.

23 And out of the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh with her suburbs, Gibeon with her suburbs.

24 Aijalon with her suburbs, Gath-timon with her suburbs: four cities.

25 And out of the half tribe of Manasseh, Tanach with her suburbs, and Gath-timon with her suburbs: two cities.

26 All the cities were ten with their suburbs: as the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses.

other half tribe of Manasseh, they gave a city of refuge for the slayer: & Becher with her suburbs: two cities.

23 And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishon with her suburbs, Dabath with her suburbs.

24 Jarmuth with her suburbs, En-gannim with her suburbs: four cities.

25 And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal with her suburbs, Abdon with her suburbs.

26 Helkath with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs: four cities.

27 And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Hamdodor with her suburbs, and Kartan with her suburbs: three cities.

28 All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families, were thirteen cities with their suburbs.

29 ¶ And unto the families of the children of Merari the rest of the land which the children of Aaron bring vires, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jotham with her suburbs, and Karrah with her suburbs.

30 Dimnah with her suburbs, Nahalal with her suburbs: four cities.

31 And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with her suburbs, and Jahaz with her suburbs.

32 Kedemoth with her suburbs, and Mephath with her suburbs: four cities.

33 And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth with her suburbs, and Jabbok with her suburbs: four cities.

34 So all the cities for the children of the Levites, which were remaining of the families of the Levites, were by their lot: twelve cities.

35 All the cities of the Levites within the possession of the children of Israel, were forty and eight cities with their suburbs.

36 These cities were every one with their suburbs round about them: thus were all these cities.

37 ¶ And the Lord gave unto Israel all the land which he swore to give unto their fathers: and they possessed it, and dwelt therein.

38 And the Lord gave them rest round about, according to all that he swore unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them.

39 Then Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh.

40 And said unto them, Ye have kept all the commandments which the Lord your God hath commanded you.

41 And the Lord hath given you rest round about, as he swore unto your fathers: and there standeth not a man of all your enemies before you.

42 And the Lord hath given you the land which he swore to give unto your fathers: and he hath given you it.

43 And the Lord hath given you rest round about, as he swore unto your fathers: and there standeth not a man of all your enemies before you.

44 And the Lord hath given you the land which he swore to give unto your fathers: and he hath given you it.

45 And the Lord hath given you rest round about, as he swore unto your fathers: and there standeth not a man of all your enemies before you.

46 And the Lord hath given you the land which he swore to give unto your fathers: and he hath given you it.

47 And the Lord hath given you rest round about, as he swore unto your fathers: and there standeth not a man of all your enemies before you.

48 And the Lord hath given you the land which he swore to give unto your fathers: and he hath given you it.

49 And the Lord hath given you rest round about, as he swore unto your fathers: and there standeth not a man of all your enemies before you.

50 And the Lord hath given you the land which he swore to give unto your fathers: and he hath given you it.

51 And the Lord hath given you rest round about, as he swore unto your fathers: and there standeth not a man of all your enemies before you.

52 And the Lord hath given you the land which he swore to give unto your fathers: and he hath given you it.

53 And the Lord hath given you rest round about, as he swore unto your fathers: and there standeth not a man of all your enemies before you.

54 And the Lord hath given you the land which he swore to give unto your fathers: and he hath given you it.

55 And the Lord hath given you rest round about, as he swore unto your fathers: and there standeth not a man of all your enemies before you.

56 And the Lord hath given you the land which he swore to give unto your fathers: and he hath given you it.

57 And the Lord hath given you rest round about, as he swore unto your fathers: and there standeth not a man of all your enemies before you.

58 And the Lord hath given you the land which he swore to give unto your fathers: and he hath given you it.

59 And the Lord hath given you rest round about, as he swore unto your fathers: and there standeth not a man of all your enemies before you.

60 And the Lord hath given you the land which he swore to give unto your fathers: and he hath given you it.

61 And the Lord hath given you rest round about, as he swore unto your fathers: and there standeth not a man of all your enemies before you.

CHAP. XXII.

1 The two tribes and half are sent home, to build the altar of testimony, in their journey.

2 Then Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh.

3 And said unto them, Ye have kept all the commandments which the Lord your God hath commanded you.

4 And the Lord hath given you rest round about, as he swore unto your fathers: and there standeth not a man of all your enemies before you.

5 And the Lord hath given you the land which he swore to give unto your fathers: and he hath given you it.

6 And the Lord hath given you rest round about, as he swore unto your fathers: and there standeth not a man of all your enemies before you.

commanded you: and have obeyed my voice: the half tribe of Manasseh unto the voice in all that I commanded you.

16 Thus saith the whole congregation of Israel, that ye have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the LORD, in that ye have builded you an altar, that ye might rebel this day against the LORD?

17 Is the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we are not cleansed until this day, (although there was a plague in the congregation of the LORD)? But that ye must turn away this day from following the LORD? and it will be, seeing ye rebel to day against the LORD, that to morrow he will be wroth with the whole congregation of Israel.

18 Notwithstanding, if the land of your possession be unclean, then passe ye over unto the land of the possession of the Loam, wherein the Loam gathered together dwellers, and take possession among us: but rebel not against the LORD, nor rebel against us, in building you an altar, beside the altar of the LORD our God.

19 Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? and that man perished for alone in his iniquity.

20 ¶ Then the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh, answered and said unto the heads of thousands of Israel, The Loam God of gods, the Loam God of gods, he knoweth, and Israel he shall know, if it be in rebellion, or if in transgression against the LORD, (save us not this day).

21 That we have built us an altar to turn from following the Loam, or if to offer thereon burnt-offering, or meat-offering, or if to offer peace-offerings thereon, let the Loam himself require it.

22 And if we have not rather done it for fear of this thing, saying, In time to come your children might speak upon our children, saying, What have you to do with the Loam God of Israel?

23 For the Loam hath made Jordan a border between us and you; ye children of Reuben, and children of Gad, ye have no part in the Loam: so shall your children make our children cease from fearing the Loam.

24 Therefore we said, Let us now prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt-offering, nor for sacrifice:

25 But that it may be a witness between us and you, and our generations after us, that we might do the service of the Loam before him with our burnt-offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace-offerings, that your children may not say to our children in time to come, Ye have no part in the Loam.

26 Therefore said we, that it shall be, when they should so say to us, or in our generations in time to come, that we may say again, Behold the pattern of the altar of the Loam, which our fathers made, not for burnt-offering, nor

for sacrifice: but that we might do the service of the Loam before him with our burnt-offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace-offerings, that your children may not say to our children in time to come, Ye have no part in the Loam.

27 And they came unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh into the land of Gilead: Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest,

28 And with him ten princes, of each tribe, chief house a prince, throughout all the tribes of Israel, and each one was an head of the house of their fathers, among the thousands of Israel.

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42 And with him ten princes, of each tribe, chief house a prince, throughout all the tribes of Israel, and each one was an head of the house of their fathers, among the thousands of Israel.

for sacrifices, but it is a witness between us and you.

19 God forbid that we should rebel against the LORD; and turn this day from following the LORD, to build an altar for burnt-offerings, for meat-offerings, or for sacrifices, besides the altar of the LORD our God that is before his tabernacle.

20 ¶ And when Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the congregation, and heads of the thousands of Israel which were with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the children of Manasseh spake, it pleased them.

21 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, said unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh, This day we perceive that the LORD is among us, because ye have not committed this trespass against the LORD: now ye have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of the LORD.

22 ¶ And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, unto the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them word again.

23 And the thing pleased the children of Israel, and the children of Israel blessed God, and did not intend to go up against them in battle, to destroy the land wherein the children of Reuben and Gad dwelt.

24 And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, called the altar Ed: for it shall be a witness between us, that the LORD is God.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Joshua's exhortation before his death, 2 by former benefits, 3 by promises, 11 and by threatenings.

AND it came to passe, a long time after that the LORD had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, Joshua waxed old and stricken in age.

2 And Joshua called for all Israel, and for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said unto them, I am old and stricken in age:

3 And ye have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto all these nations, because of you; for the LORD your God is he that hath fought for you.

4 Behold, I have divided unto you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea well-waid.

5 And the LORD your God, he shall expell them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight, and ye shall possess their land, as the LORD your God hath promised unto you.

6 Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom, to the right hand or to the left,

7 That ye come not among these nations, these that remain amongst you, neither make mention of the name of

their gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bowe your selves unto them:

8 But cleave unto the LORD your God, as ye have done unto this day.

9 For the LORD hath driven out from before you, great nations and strong: but as for you, no man hath been able to stand before you unto this day.

10 One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he is that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you.

11 Take good heed therefore unto you selves, that ye love the LORD your God.

12 Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they in you:

13 Know for a certainty, that the LORD your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, untill ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.

14 And behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth, and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that no one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to passe unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.

15 Therefore it shall come to passe, that as all good things are come upon you, which the LORD your God promised you: so shall the LORD bring up upon you all evil things, untill he have destroyed you from off this good land, which the LORD your God hath given you.

16 When ye have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed your selves to them: then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Joshua assembling the tribes, 2 reciteth Gods benefits. 14 He reneweth a covenant between them and God.

AND Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and they presented themselves before God.

2 And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served other gods.

3 And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac.

4 And I gave unto Isaac, Jacob and Esau: and I gave unto Esau mount Seir to possess it; but Jacob and his children went down into Egypt.

1 I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I ~~led~~ Egypt, according to that which I said amongst them : and afterward I brought you out.

2 And I brought your fathers out of Egypt; and you came unto the sea, & the Egyptians pursued after your fathers & chariots and horsemen, unto the Red-sea.

3 And when they cried unto y LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians; and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes have seen what I have done in Egypt: & ye dwell in y wilderness a long season.

4 And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, which dwell on the other side Jordan; and they fought with you: and I gave them into your hand, that ye might possess their lands; and I destroy'd them from before you.

5 Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel; and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you :

6 But I would not hearken unto Balaam, therefore he blessed you still : so I delivered you out of his hand.

7 And ye went over Jordan, and came unto Jericho : and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, and I delivered them into your hand.

8 And I sent the hornet before you, which drave them out from before you, even the two kings of the Amorites; but not with thy sword, nor with thy bow.

9 And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them : of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not, do ye eat.

10 ¶ Now therefore, fear the LORD, & serve him in sincerity, and in truth, & put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt : and serve ye the LORD.

11 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served, that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell : but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

12 And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods.

13 For the LORD our God, he is that brought us up, and our fathers, out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, & preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed.

14 And the LORD drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwell in y land: therefore will we also serve the LORD; for he is our God.

15 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD; for he is an holy God; he is a jealous God, he will not forgive your transgressions, nor your sins.

16 If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn, and do you hurt, and consume you; after that he hath done you good.

17 And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the LORD.

18 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye are witnesses against your selves, that ye have chosen unto the LORD, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses.

19 Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel.

20 And the people said unto Joshua, The LORD our God will we serve; and his voice will we obey.

21 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute, and an ordinance in Shechem.

22 ¶ And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of the LORD.

23 And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the LORD which he spake unto us : it shall be therefore a witness unto you; lest ye deny your God.

24 So Joshua let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance.

25 ¶ And it came to passe after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD died, being an hundred and ten years old.

26 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-herah, which is in mount Ephraim, on the north side of the hill of Gaash.

27 And Israel served the LORD all the dayes of Joshua, and all the dayes of the elders that overlived Joshua, and which had known all the works of the LORD, that he had done for Israel.

28 ¶ And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem, for an hundred pieces of silver : and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph.

29 And Eleazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him in a hill that pertained to Phinehas his son, which was given him in mount Ephraim.

The book of JUDGES.

CHAP. I.

1 The ass of Judah and Simeon, 4 Adonibezek justly requir'd. 8 Jerusalem, 10 and Hebron overtaken.

NOW after the death of Joshua, it came to passe, that the children of Israel asked the LORD, saying, Who shall go up for us against

the Canaanites first to fight against them?

2 And the LORD said, Judah shall go up; behold, I have delivered the land into his hand.

3 And Judah said unto Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my land, that we may fight against the Canaanites, & I likewise will go with thee : or

Adoni-bezek justly requited.

thy lot. So Simeon went with him. 4 And Judah went up, and the LORD delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand: and they slew of them in Bezek ten thousand men.

5 And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek; and they fought against him, & they slew the Canaanites, and the Perizzites.

6 But Adoni-bezek fled, and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs, and his great toes.

7 And Adoni-bezek said, Threescore & ten kings, having their thumbs, and their great toes cut off, gathered *their meat* under my table: as I have done, so God hath required me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.

8 (Now the children of Judah had fought against Jerusalem, and had taken it, and smitten it with the edge of the sword, and set the citie on fire.)

9 ¶ And afterward the children of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites that dwell in the mountain, and in the south, and in the valley.

10 And Judah went against Canaanites that dwell in Hebron, (now the name of Hebron before was Kirjath-arba) & they slew Shelai, and Ahiman, and Talmai.

11 And from thence he went against the inhabitants of Debir: (and the name of Debir before was Kirjath-sepher)

12 And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife.

13 And Othniel the son of Kenaz Caleb's younger brother took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife.

14 And it came to passe when she came to him, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she lighted from off her ass; and Caleb said unto her, what wilt thou?

15 And she said unto him, Give me a blessing: for thou hast given me a south-land, give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper-springs, and the nether-springs.

16 And the children of the Kenite, Moses father in law, went up out of the city of palm trees, with the children of Juda into the wilderness of Judah, which lieth in the south of Arad, and they went and dwelt among the people.

17 And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they slew the Canaanites that inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it: (and the name of the city was called Hormah)

18 Also Judah took Gaza with the coast thereof, & Askelon with the coast thereof, and Ekron with the coast thereof.

19 And the LORD was with Judah, and he drove out the inhabitants of the mountain, but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron.

20 And they gave Hebron unto Caleb, as Moses said: and he expelled thence the three sons of Anak.

21 And the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem: but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day.

22 ¶ And the house of Joseph, they

Judges. The Canaanites are tributaries.

also went up against Beth-el: and the LORD was with them.

23 And the house of Joseph sent to desery Beth-el: (now the name of the city before was Luz)

24 And the spies saw a man come forth out of the city, and they said unto him, Shew us, we pray thee, the entrance into the city, and we will shew thee mercy.

25 And when he shewed them the entrance into the city, they smote the city with the edge of the sword: but they let go the man and all his family.

26 And the man went into the land of the Hittites, and built a city, and called the name thereof Luz: which is the name thereof unto this day.

27 ¶ Neither did Manasseh drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shean and her towns, nor Tanaach and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns: but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.

28 And it came to passe when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not utterly drive them out.

29 ¶ Neither did Ephraim drive out Canaanites that dwell in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwell in Gezer among them.

30 ¶ Neither did Zebulun drive out inhabitants of Kitron: nor of inhabitants of Nahalol: but the Canaanites dwell among them, and became tributaries.

31 ¶ Neither did Acher drive out the inhabitants of Acccho, nor of inhabitants of Zidon, nor of Ablah, nor Achzib, nor Helbah, nor Aphik, nor of Rehob:

32 But the Acheres dwell among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: for they did not drive them out.

33 ¶ Neither did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shechem, nor the inhabitants of Beth-anath, but he dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheless, the inhabitants of Beth-shechem and of Beth-anath became tributaries unto them.

34 And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountains: for they would not suffer them to come down in the valley.

35 But the Amorites would dwell in mount Heres in Aijalon, & in Shaalbim: yet the hand of Joseph prevailed, so that they became tributaries.

36 And the coast of the Amorites was from the going up to Akkrabbim, from the rock, and upward.

CHAP. II.

1 *An angel rebuketh the people at Bochim.* 2 *Their wickedness after Joshua.*

3 *God's anger and pity towards them.*

4 And an angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swore unto your fathers, and I said, I will never break my covenant with you. 2 And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land, you shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this?

3 Wherefore I also said, I will not

drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and your gods shall be a snare unto you.

And it came to passe, when the angel of the LORD spake these words unto the children of Israel, that the people lift up their voice, and wept.

And they called the name of that place Bochim; and they sacrificed there unto the LORD.

¶ And when Joshua had let the people go, the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land.

¶ And the people served the LORD all the dayes of Joshua, and all the dayes of the elders that out-lived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD, that he did for Israel.

¶ And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being an hundred and ten years old.

¶ And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the north-side of the hill Gaath.

¶ And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers; and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.

¶ And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim :

¶ And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger.

¶ And they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth.

¶ And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies.

¶ Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn unto them : and they were greatly distressed.

¶ Nevertheless, the LORD raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.

¶ And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them : they turned quickly out of the way, which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD; but they did not so.

¶ And when the LORD raised them up judges, then the LORD was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies, all the dayes of the judge; for it repented the LORD, because of their groanings, by reason of them that oppressed them, and vexed them.

¶ And it came to passe when the judge was dead, that they returned, and corrupted themselves more than their fathers, in following other gods, to serve

them, and to howe down unto them: they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way.

¶ And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and he said, Because this people hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice,

I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them, of the nations which Joshua left when he died :

That through them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the LORD, to walk therein, as their fathers did keep it, or not.

¶ Therefore the LORD left those nations, without driving them out hastily; neither delivered he them into the hand of Joshua.

CHAP. III.

1 The nations which were left to prove Israel. 5 By communion with them they commit idolatry.

Now these are the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel by them, (even as many of Israel as had not known all the wars of Canaan;

2 Onely that the generations of the children of Israel might know to reach them war; at the least such as before knew nothing thereof)

3 Namely, five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians; and the Hivites that dwell in mount Lebanon; from mount Baal-hermon, unto the entering in of Hamath.

4 And they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

5 ¶ And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites;

6 And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods.

7 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgot the LORD their God, and served Baalim, and the groves.

8 ¶ Therefore the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Chushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia; and the children of Israel served Chushan-rishathaim eight years.

9 And when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered them; even Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.

10 And the spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel, and went out to war; and the LORD delivered Chushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed against Chushan-rishathaim.

11 And the land had rest forty years; and Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

12 ¶ And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the LORD.

13 And he gathered unto him the chil-

sons of Ammon, and Amalek, and went and smote Israel, and possessed the city of palm-trees.

14 So the children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

15 But when the children of Israel cried unto the Lord, the Lord raised them up a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera, a Benjamite, a man left-handed: and by him the children of Israel sent a present unto Eglon the king of Moab.

16 But Ehud made him a dagger (which had two edges) of a cubit length, and he did gird it under his raiment, upon his right thigh.

17 And he brought the present unto Eglon king of Moab: and Eglon was a very fat man.

18 And when he had made an end to offer the present, he sent away the people that bare the present.

19 But he himself turned again from the quarries that were by Gilgal, and said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king: who said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him, went out from him.

20 And Ehud came unto him, and he was sitting in a summer-parlour, which he had for himself alone: and Ehud said, I have a message from God unto thee. And he arose out of his seat.

21 And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly.

22 And the haft also went in after the blade: & the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly, and the dirt came out.

23 Then Ehud went forth through the porch, and shut the doors of the parlour upon him, and locked them.

24 When he was gone out, his servants came; and when they saw, that behold, the doors of the parlour were locked, they said, Surely he covereth his feet in his summer-chamber.

25 And they carried till they were ashamed: and behold, he opened not the doors of the parlour; therefore they took a key, & opened them: and behold, their lord was fallen down dead on the earth.

26 And Ehud escaped while they rari-ried: and passed beyond the quarries; and escaped unto Seirah.

27 And it came to passe when he was come, that he blew a trumpet in the mountain of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the mount, and he before them.

28 And he said unto them, Follow after me: for the Lord hath delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of Jordan toward Moab, and suffered not a man to passe over.

29 ¶ And they slew of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, all lusty, and all men of valour; and there escaped not a man.

30 So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel: and the land had rest fou-score years.

31 ¶ And after him was Shamgar the son of Anath, which slew of the Philistines six hundred men with an ox-goad, and he also delivered Israel.

1 Deborah & Barak deliver Israel from Jabin and Sisera. 18 Jael killeth Sisera.

And the children of Israel again did a evil in the sight of the LORD when Ehud was dead.

2 And the Lord fold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose host was Sisera, which dwelt in Haratheth of the Gentiles.

3 And the children of Israel cried unto the Lord; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel.

4 ¶ And Deborah, a prophetesse, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time.

5 And she dwelt under the palm-tree of Deborah, between Ramah & Bethel in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgement.

6 And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam, your of Kedesh-naphath, and said unto him, Hath not the Lord God of Israel commanded, saying, Go, draw toward mount Tabor, & take with thee ten thousand men, of children of Naphthali & of the children of Zebulun?

7 And I will draw unto thee, to the river Kishon, Sisera the captain of Jabin's army, & his chariots, and his multitude, and I will deliver him into thine hand.

8 And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go.

9 And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest, shall not be for thine honour; for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh.

10 ¶ And Barak called Zebulun and Naphthali, to Kedesh, and he went up with ten thousand men at his feet: and Deborah went up with him.

11 Now Heber the Kenite, which was of children of Hobab the father in law of Moses, had severed himself from the Kenites, and pitched his tent unto the plain of Zaathaim, which is by Kedesh.

12 And they shewed Sisera, that Barak the son of Abinoam was gone up to mount Tabor.

13 And Sisera gathered together all his chariots, even nine hundred chariots of iron; and all the people that were with him, from Haratheth of the Gentiles, unto the river of Kishon.

14 And Deborah said unto Barak, Up for this is the day in which the LORD hath delivered Sisera into thine hand: is not the LORD gone out before thee? So Barak went down from mount Tabor and ten thousand men after him.

15 And the Lord discomfited Sisera, and all his chariots, and all his host with the edge of the sword, before Barak; so that Sisera lighted down off his chariot, and fled away on his feet.

16 But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the host unto Haratheth of the Gentiles: and all the host of Sisera fell upon the edge of the sword, and there was not a man left.

17 Howbeit, Sisera fled away on his feet

feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor, and the house of Heber the Kenite.

18 And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not: and when he turned in unto her, into the tent, she covered him with a mantle.

19 And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink, for I am thirsty: and she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him.

20 Again he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be when any man doth come and enquire of thee and say, Is there any man here? that thou shalt say, No.

21 Then Jael Hebers wife, took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temple, and fastened it into the ground: (for he was fast asleep and weary) so he died.

22 And behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will show thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her tent, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the nail was in his temple.

23 So God subdued on that day, Jabin the king of Canaan, before the children of Israel.

24 And the hand of the children of Israel prospered, and prevailed against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

CHAP. V.

The song of Deborah and Barak.

Then sang Deborah, and Barak the son of Abinoam, on that day, saying,

1 Praise ye the LORD for the evening of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves.

2 Hear, O ye kings, give ear, O ye princes; I, even I will sing unto the LORD, I will sing praises to the LORD God of Israel.

3 LORD, when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchedst out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water.

4 The mountains melted from before the LORD, even that Sinai from before the LORD God of Israel.

5 In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the high ways were unoccupied, and the travellers walked through by-ways.

6 The inhabitants of villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, until that Deborah arose, that is, arose a mother in Israel.

7 They chose new gods: then was war in the gates: was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel?

8 My heart is toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people: blessed ye the LORD.

9 Speak ye that ride on white asses, that sit in judgement, & walk by a way.

10 They that are delivered from the noise of archers in the places of drawing water; there shall they rehearse righteous acts of the LORD, even the righteous acts towards their adversaries of all

villages in Israel: then shall the people of the LORD go down to the gates.

11 Awake, awake Deborah: awake, awake, utter a song: arise Barak, and lead thy captivity captive, thou son of Abinoam.

12 Then he made him that remaineth have dominion over the nobles among the people: the LORD made not have dominion over the mighty.

13 Out of Ephraim was there a root of them against Amalek; after thee Benjamin, among thy people: out of Machir came down governors, & out of Zebulun they that handle the pen of the writer.

14 And the princes of Issachar were with Deborah: even Issachar, and also Barak, he was first on foot into the valley: for the divisions of Reuben, there were great longings of heart.

15 Why abodest thou among the sheepfolds, to hear & blearings of the flocks? for the divisions of Reuben, there were great searchings of heart.

16 Gilead abode beyond Jordan: and why did Dan remain in ships? Asher continued on the sea shore, and abode in his breaches.

17 Zebulun and Naphtali were a people that jeopardized their lives unto the death, in the high places of the field.

18 The king came and fought, then fought the kings of Canaan in Tadmor by the waters of Meynado, they took no gain of money.

19 They fought from heaven, the stars in their courses fought against Sisera.

20 The river of Kithon swept them away, that ancient river, the river Kithon: O my soul, thou hast trodden down strength.

21 Then were the horseboots broken, by the means of the prancing, the prancing of their mighty ones.

22 Curse ye Meroz, (said the angel of the LORD) curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof: because they came not to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty.

23 Blessed above women shall Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite be, blessed shall she be above women in the tent.

24 She gave him milk, & she gave him milk, the broomer with butter in a lordly dish.

25 She put her hand to the nail, and her right hand to the workmans hammer: and with the hammer she smote Sisera, she smote off his head, when he had pierced & stricken through his temples.

26 At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay down: at her feet he bowed, he fell, where he bowed, there he fell down dead.

27 The mother of Sisera looked out at a window, and cried through the lattice, why is his chariot so long in coming?

28 Why tarriest thou the wheels of thy chariots?

29 Her wisdom ladies answered her, yea, she remained asleep to her fall.

30 Have they not sped, have they not divided the prey, to every man a damsel or two? to Sisera a prey of divers colours of needlework, or divers colours of needlework on both sides, for the necks of them that take the spoil?

31 So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD: but let them that love him, be as the sun.

3 sun when he goeth forth in his might. And the land had rest forty years.

CHAP. VI.

1 *The Israelites for their sin were oppressed by midian. 8 A prophet rebuketh them.*

11 *Gideon sent for their deliverance.*

AND the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years.

2 And the band of Midian prevailed against Israel: and because of the Midianites the children of Israel made them the den which are in the mountains, and caves, and strong holds.

3 And so it was when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east, even they came up against them:

4 And they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou come unto Gaza, and left no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep, nor ox, nor ass.

5 For they came up with their cattle, & their tents, and they came as grasshoppers for multitude, for both they and their camels were without number: and they entered into the land to destroy it.

6 And Israel was greatly impoverished, because of the Midianites; and the children of Israel cried unto the LORD.

7 ¶ And it came to pass when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, because of the Midianites;

8 That the LORD sent a prophet unto the children of Israel, which said unto them, Thus saith y LORD God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt, & brought you forth out of the house of bondage:

9 And I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all y oppressed you, and drave them out from before you, & gave you their land:

10 And I said unto you, I am the LORD your God, fear not the gods of the Amorites in whose land ye dwell: but ye have not obeyed my voice.

11 ¶ And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abi-ezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the wine-press, to hide it from the Midianites.

12 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.

13 And Gideon said unto him, Oh my lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where are all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.

14 And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?

15 And he said unto him, Oh my lord, where with shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my fathers house.

16 And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt

smite the Midianites, as one man. 17 And he said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then shew me a signe that thou talkest with me.

18 Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my present, and set it before thee. And he said, I will tarry until thou come again.

19 And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out unto him under the oak, and presented it.

20 And the angel of God said unto him, Take the flesh, and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so.

21 ¶ Then the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh, and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh & the unleavened cakes; then the angel of the LORD departed out of his sight.

22 And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord God; for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face.

23 And the LORD said unto him, peace be unto thee, fear not, thou shalt not die.

24 Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovah-shalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abi-ezrites.

25 ¶ And it came to pass the same night, that y LORD said unto him, Take thy fathers young bullock, even y second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down y grove that is by it.

26 And build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the top of this rock, in the ordered place, & take y second bullock, & offer a burnt-sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down.

27 Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the LORD had said unto him: and so it was, because he feared his fathers household, and the men of the citie, that he could not do it by day, that he did it by night.

28 ¶ And when the men of the citie arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was cast down, and the grove was cut down that was by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar that was built.

29 And they said one to another, who hath done this thing? And when they enquired and asked, they said, Gideon the son of Joash hath done this thing.

30 Then the men of the citie said unto Joash, Bring out thy son, that he may die: because he hath cast down the altar of Baal, and because he hath cut down the grove that was by it.

31 And Joash said unto all that stood against him, will ye plead for Baal? will ye save him? he y will plead for him, let him be put to death, whilest it is yet morning: if he be a god, let him plead for himself, because he hath cast down his altar.

32 Therefore on that day he called him Jerubbaal, saying, Let Baal plead against

against him, because he hath thrown down his altar.

33 ¶ Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites, and the children of the east were gathered together, and went over, and pitched in the valley of Jeruel.

34 But the spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet, and Abiezer was gathered after him.

35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manasse, who also was gathered after him, and he sent messengers unto Asher, and unto Zebulun, and unto Naphtali, and they came up to meet them.

36 ¶ And Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said,

37 Behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor: and if the dew be on the fleece only, and it be dry upon all the earth beside, then shall I know that thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said.

38 And it was so: for he rose up early on the morrow, and thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water.

39 And Gideon said unto God, Let not thine anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once: let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; Let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew.

40 And God did so that night: for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

CHAPTER VII.

1 *Gideon's army.* 2 *He is encouraged by the dream and interpretation of the barley cake.* 3 *Oreb and Zeb taken.*

Then Jerubbaal (who is Gideon) and all the people that were with him, rose up early, & pitched beside the well of Harod: so that the host of the Midianites were on the north-side of them by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.

2 And the Lord said unto Gideon, The people that are with thee, are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me.

3 Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead: and there returned of the people twenty and two thousand, and there remained ten thousand.

4 And the Lord said unto Gideon, The people are yet too many: bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, that of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go.

5 So he brought down the people unto water; & the Lord said unto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of water with his tongue as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink.

6 And the number of them that lapped putting their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men; but all the rest of

the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.

7 And the Lord said unto Gideon, by the three hundred men that lapped, will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: & let all the other people go every man unto his place.

8 So the people took victuals in their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all the rest of Israel, every man unto his tent, and retained those three hundred men: and the host of Midian was beneath him in the valley.

9 ¶ And it came to pass the same night, that the Lord said unto him, Arise, get thee down unto the host, for I have delivered it into thine hand.

10 But if thou fear to go down, go thou with Phurah thy servant down to the host.

11 And thou shalt hear what they say, and afterward shall thine hands be strengthened to go down unto the host. Then went he down with Phurah his servant, unto the outside of the armed men that were in the host.

12 And the Midianites, and the Amalekites, and all the children of the east, lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the seaside for multitude.

13 And when Gideon was come, behold, there was a man that told a dream unto his fellow, & said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, & lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the host of Midian, and came unto a tent, & smote it that it fell, & overturned it, but the tent lay alone.

14 And his fellow answered, and said, This is nothing else save the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel: for into his hand hath God delivered Midian, and all the host.

15 ¶ And it was so, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he worshipped, & returned into the host of Israel, & said, Arise, for the Lord hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian.

16 And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers.

17 And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise: and behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be that as I do, so shall ye do.

18 When I blow with a trumpet, and all that are with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon.

19 ¶ So Gideon and the hundred men that were with him, came unto the outside of the camp, in the beginning of the middle-watch; and they had but newly set the watch, and they blew their trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hands.

20 And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withal: and they cried, The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon.

21 And they stood every man in his place,

place, round about the camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled.

22 And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and the Lord for every man sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host: and the host fled to Beth-shurab, in Zererath: and to the border of Abel-meholah, unto Tabbath.

23 And the men of Israel gathered themselves together out of Naphtali, and out of Asher, and out of all Manasse, and pursued after the Midianites.

24 ¶ And Gideon sent messengers throughout all mount Ephraim, saying, come down against the Midianites: & take before them the waters unto Beth-barabab Jordan. Then all the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and took the waters unto Beth-barabab and Jordan.

25 And they took two princes of the Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb; and they slew Oreb upon the rock Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the white press of Zeeb, and pursued Midian, and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb, to Gideon on the other side Jordan.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The Ephraimites pacified. 17 Zebah and Zalmunna. 33 The Israelites idolatry, and ingratitude.

And the men of Ephraim said unto him, why hast thou served us thus, that thou calledst us not when thou wentest to fight with the Midianites? and they did chide with him sharply.

2 And he said unto them, what have I done now in comparison of you? is not the gleanings of the grapes of Ephraim, better than the vintage of Abiezer?

3 God hath delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb: and what was I able to do in comparison of you? then their anger was abated toward him, when he had said that.

4 ¶ And Gideon came to Jordan, and passed over, he, and the three hundred men that were with him, faint, yet pursuing them.

5 And he said unto the men of Succoth, Give, I pray you, loaves of bread unto the people that follow me, for they be faint, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian.

6 ¶ And the princes of Succoth said, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hands, that we should give bread unto thine armie?

7 And Gideon said, Therefore when the Lord hath delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into mine hand, then I will tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness, and with briars.

8 And he went up thence to Peniel, and spake unto them likewise: and the men of Peniel answered him, as the men of Succoth had answered him.

9 And he spake also unto the men of Peniel, saying, when I come again in peace, I will break down this tower.

10 ¶ Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor, and their hosts with them, about fifteen thousand men, all that were left of all the hosts of the children of Israel: for there fell an hundred and twenty thousand men that drew sword.

11 ¶ And Gideon went up by the way

of them that dwell in tents, on the east of Nobah, and jogbebah, and smote the host: for the host was lecture.

12 And when Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he pursued after them, and took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and discomfited all the host.

13 ¶ And Gideon the son of Joash returned from battle before seven in the morning, and caught a young man of the men of Succoth, and enquired of him: and he described unto him the princes of Succoth, and the elders thereof, some threescore and seventeen men.

14 And he came unto the men of Succoth, and said, Behold, Zebah and Zalmunna, with whom ye did upbraid me, saying, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thy men that are weary?

15 And he took the elders of seven cities, the thorns of the wilderness, and briars, and with them he caught seven men of Succoth.

16 And he beat down the tower of Peniel, and slew the men of the city.

17 ¶ Then said he unto Zebah and Zalmunna, what manner of men were they whom ye slew at Tabor? And they answered, As thou art, so were they, each one resembled the children of a king.

18 And he said, They were my brethren, even the sons of my mother: as the Lord liveth, if ye had saved them alive, I would not slay you.

19 And he said unto Jerber his first-born, and say them: but the youth drew not his sword: for he feared, because he was yet a youth.

20 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise thou, and fall upon us: for as the man is, so is his strength. And Gideon arose, and slew Zebah and Zalmunna, and took away the ornaments that were on their camels necks.

21 ¶ Then the men of Israel said unto Gideon, Rule thou over us, both thou, & thy son, and thy sons for ever: for thou hast delivered us from the hand of Midian.

22 And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the Lord shall rule over you.

23 ¶ And Gideon said unto them, I would desire a request of you, that you would give me every man the earrings of his prey: (for they had golden earrings, because they were Ishmaelites).

24 And they answered, We will willingly give them. And they spread a garment, and did cast therein, every man the earrings of his prey.

25 And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested, was a thousand and seven hundred shekels of gold, beside ornaments, and collars, and purple raiment that was on the kings of Midian, and beside the chains that were about their camels necks.

26 And Gideon made an ephod thereof, and put it in his city, even in Ophrah: and all Israel went thither a whoring after it: which thing became a snare unto Gideon, and to his house.

27 ¶ Thus was Midian subdued before the children of Israel, so that they lifted up their heads no more: and the country

my wife in quietness forty years in the days of Gideon.

29 ¶ And Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and dwelt in his own house.

30 And Gideon had threescore and ten sons of his body begotten: for he had many wives.

31 And his concubine that was in Shechem, she also bare him a son, whose name he called Abimelech.

32 ¶ And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

33 And it came to pass a season as Gideon was dead, that 7 children of Israel turned again, and went a whoring after Baalim, and made Baal-berith their god.

34 And the children of Israel remembered not the Lord their God, who had delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every side:

35 Neither shewed they kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, namely Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had shewed unto Israel.

CHAP. IX.

1 *Abimelech is made king. 7 Jotham by a parable rebuketh them, and foretelleth their ruine.*

AND Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem, unto his mothers brethren, and communed with them, and with all the family of the house of his mothers father, saying,

2 Speak, I pray you in the ears of all the men of Shechem; whether is better for you, either that all the sons of Jerubbaal (which are threescore and ten persons) reign over you; or that one reign over you? remember also that I am your bone and your flesh.

3 And his mothers brethren spake of Abimelech him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words: and their hearts went to Beer, and dwelt there, for fear inclined to follow Abimelech; for they said, He is our brother.

4 And they gave him threescore & ten pieces of silver, out of the house of Baal-berith, where with Abimelech hired vain and light persons, which followed him.

5 And he went unto his fathers house at Ophrah, & slew his brethren the sons of Jerubbaal, being threescore and ten persons, upon one stone: nor withstanding, yet Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left; for he hid himself.

6 And all the men of Shechem gathered together, and all the house of Millo, & went, & made Abimelech king, by the plain of the pillar that was in Shechem.

7 ¶ And when they told it to Jotham, he went and stood in the top of mount Gerizim, and lift up his voice, and cried, and said unto them: Hearken unto me, you men of Shechem, that God may hearken unto you.

8 The trees went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the olive tree, Reign thou over us.

9 But the olive tree said unto them: Should I leave my fairness, wherewith by me thy honour God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?

10 And the trees said to the fig-tree, Come thou, and reign over us.

11 But the fig-tree said unto them, Should I forsake my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the trees?

12 Then said the trees unto the vine, Come thou, and reign over us.

13 And the vine said unto them, Should I leave my wine, which cheereth God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?

14 Then said all the trees unto the bramble, Come thou, and reign over us.

15 And the bramble said unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me king over you, then come and put your trust in my shadow: and if not, let fire come out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon.

16 Now therefore, If ye have done truly and sincerely, in that ye have made Abimelech king, and if ye have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have done unto him according to the deserving of his hands:

17 (For my father fought for you, and adventured his life for you, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian:

18 And ye are risen up against my father's house this day, and have slain his son, threescore & ten persons, upon one stone, and have made Abimelech the son of his maid-servant, king over the men of Shechem, because he is your brother.)

19 If ye then have dealt truly and sincerely with Jerubbaal & with his house this day, then rejoice ye in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you:

20 But if not, let fire come out from Abimelech, and devour the men of Shechem, and the house of Millo; and let fire come out from the men of Shechem, and from the house of Millo, and devour

21 And Jotham ran away and fled, and dwelt there, for fear inclined to follow Abimelech his brother.

22 ¶ When Abimelech had reigned three years over Israel,

23 Then God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem: and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech:

24 That the cruelty done to the threescore and ten sons of Jerubbaal might come, and their blood be laid upon Abimelech their brother which slew them: and upon the men of Shechem which aided him in the killing of his brethren.

25 And the men of Shechem felliers in wait for him in the top of the mountains, and they robbed all that came along that way by them: and it was told Abimelech.

26 And Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brethren, and went over to Shechem: and the men of Shechem put their confidence in him.

27 And they went out into the fields, and gathered their vineyards, and trode the grapes; and made merry, and went into the house of their god, and did eat and drink, and cursed Abimelech.

28 And Gaal the son of Ebed said, who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we should serve him? Is not he the son of Jerubbaal, and Zebul his officer? serve

the men of Hamor the father of Shechem; for why should we serve him?

29 And would to God this people were under my hand, then would I remove Abimelech. And he said to Abimelech, increase thine army, and come out.

30 ¶ And when Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger was kindled.

31 And he sent messengers unto Abimelech privily, saying, Behold, Gaal the son of Ebed, and his brethren be come to Shechem; and behold, they fortifie the city against thee.

32 Now therefore up by night, thou and the people that is with thee, and lie in wait in the field.

33 And it shall be, that in the morning as soon as the sun is up, thou shalt rise early, and set upon the city; and behold, when he and the people that is with him come out against thee, then mayest thou do to them as thou shalt finde occasion.

34 ¶ And Abimelech rose up, and all the people that were with him, by night, and they laid wait against Shechem in four companies.

35 And Gaal the son of Ebed went out, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city; and Abimelech rose up, and the people that were with him from lying in wait.

36 And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, Behold, there come people down from the top of the mountains. And Zebul said unto him, Thou seest the shadow of the mountains as if they were men.

37 And Gaal spake again, and said, See, there come people down by the middle of the land, and another company come along by the plain of Meonenim.

38 Then said Zebul unto him, Where is now thy mouth, wherewith thou saidst, who is Abimelech, that we should serve him? Is not this the people that thou hast despised? Go out, I pray now, and fight with them.

39 And Gaal went out before the men of Shechem, & fought with Abimelech.

40 And Abimelech chased him, and he fled before him, and many were overthrown and wounded, even unto the entering of the gate.

41 And Abimelech dwelt at Arumah; & Zebul thrust out Gaal and his brethren, that they should not dwell in Shechem.

42 And it came to passe on the morrow, that the people went out into the field, and they told Abimelech.

43 And he took the people, and divided them into three companies, and laid wait in the field, and looked; and behold, the people were come forth out of the city, and he rose up against them, and smote them.

44 And Abimelech, and the company that was with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and the two other companies ran upon all the people that were in the fields, and slew them.

45 And Abimelech fought against the city all that day, and he took the city, & slew the people that were therein, and beat down the city, and sowed it with salt.

46 ¶ And when all the men of Shechem heard that, they entered from an hold of the house of the god Berah.

47 And it was told Abimelech, that all the men of the tower of Shechem were gathered together.

48 And Abimelech gat him up to mount Zalmon, he and all the people that were with him; and Abimelech took an ax in his hand, and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it, and laid it on his shoulder, and said unto the people that were with him, what ye have seen me do, make haste, and do as I have done.

49 And all the people likewise cut down every man his bough, and followed Abimelech, and put them to the hold; & set the hold on fire upon them; for that all the men of the tower of Shechem did also, about a thousand men and women.

50 ¶ Then went Abimelech to Thebez, & encamped against Thebez, & took it. 51 But there was a strong tower within the city, and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the city, and shut it to them, and gat them up to the top of the tower.

52 And Abimelech came unto the tower, & fought against it, and went hard unto the door of the tower to bury it with fire.

53 And a certain woman cast a piece of a millstone upon Abimelechs head, and all to brake his skull.

54 Then he called hastily unto the young man his armour-bearer, & said unto him, Draw thy sword, & slay me, ymen say not of me, A woman slew him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died.

55 And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed every man unto his place.

56 ¶ Thus God rendred the wickedness of Abimelech which he did unto his father, in slaying his fevery brethren.

57 And all the evil of the men of Shechem did God render upon their heads; and upon them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

CHAP. X.

1 To judge the Israelites, 7 The Philistines and Ammonites oppress Israel, 15 Upon their repentance God pitieth them.

And after Abimelech, there arose to defend Israel, Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he dwelt in Shamir in mount Ephraim.

2 And he judged Israel twenty & three years, & died, and was buried in Samir.

3 ¶ And after him arose Jair a Gileadite, and judged Israel twenty and two years.

4 And he had thirty sons that rode on thirty ass-colls, & they had thirty cities, which are called Havoth-jair unto this day, which are in the land of Gilead.

5 And Jair died, and was buried in Camon.

6 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the Lord, and served Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines, and forsook the Lord, and served not him.

7 ¶ And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and he sold them into

the hands of the Philistines; and into the hands of the children of Ammon.

1 And that year they vexed and oppressed the children of Israel: eighteen years, all the children of Israel that were on the other side Jordan; in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead.

2 Moreover, the children of Ammon passed over Jordan, to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim; so that Israel was sore distressed.

3 And the children of Israel cried unto the Lord, saying, We have sinned against thee; both because we have forsaken our God, and also served Baalim.

4 And the Lord said unto the children of Israel, Did not I deliver you from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines?

5 The Zidonians also, and the Amalekites, and the Moabites did oppress you, and ye cried to me, and I delivered you out of their hand.

6 Yet ye have forsaken me, and served other gods; wherefore I will deliver you no more.

7 Go and cry unto the gods which ye have chosen, let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation.

8 And y children of Israel said unto the Lord, We have sinned, do thou unto us whatsoever seemeth good: unto thee we deliver us onely, we pray thee, this day.

9 And they put away the strange gods from among them, and served the Lord: and his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel.

10 Then y children of Ammon were gathered together, & encamped in Gilead; and y children of Israel assembled themselves together, & encamped in Mizpeh.

11 And the people and princes of Gilead said one to another, What man is he that will begin to fight against the children of Ammon? he shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

CHAP. XI.

1 Jephthahs covenant with the Gileadites. 29 His vow. 34 He performeth it in his daughter.

NOW Jephthah y Gileadite was a mighty man of valour, and he was the son of an harlot: and Gilead began to hate him.

2 And Gileads wife bare him sons, and his wives sons grew up, and they thrust out Jephthah, and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our fathers house, for thou art the son of a strange woman.

3 Then Jephthah fled from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob; and there were gathered vain men to Jephthah, and went out with him.

4 ¶ And it came to passe in processe of time, that the children of Ammon made war against Israel.

5 And it was so, that when the children of Ammon made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to fetch Jephthah out of the land of Tob:

6 And they said unto Jephthah, Come and be our captain, that we may fight with the children of Ammon.

7 And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, Did not ye hate me, and expell

me out of my fathers house? and why are ye come unto me now when ye are in distress?

8 And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, Therefore we turn again to thee now, that thou mayest go with us, and fight against the children of Ammon, and be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

9 And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, If ye bring me home again to fight against the children of Ammon, and the Lord deliver them before me; shall I be your head?

10 And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, The Lord be witness between us; if we do not so according to thy words.

11 Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and captain over them; and Jephthah uttered all his words before the Lord in Mizpeh.

12 And Jephthah sent messengers unto the king of the children of Ammon, saying, What hast thou to do with me, that thou art come against me to fight in my land?

13 And the king of the children of Ammon answered unto the messengers of Jephthah, Because Israel took away my land when they came up out of Egypt, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and unto Jordan; now therefore restore those lands again peaceably.

14 And Jephthah sent messengers again unto y king of the children of Ammon:

15 And said unto him, Thus saith Jephthah, Israel took not away land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon:

16 But when Israel came up from Egypt, & walked through the wilderness unto the Red-sea, and came to Kadesh;

17 Then Israel sent messengers unto the king of Edom, saying, Let me I pray thee, passe through thy land; but the king of Edom would not hearken thereto. And in like manner they sent unto the king of Moab; but he would not consent; and Israel abode in Kadesh.

18 Then they went along through the wilderness, and compassed the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came by the east-side of the land of Moab, and pitched on the other side of Arnon; but came not within the border of Moab; for Arnon was the border of Moab.

19 And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon; and Israel said unto him, Let us passe, we pray thee, through thy land unto my place.

20 But Sihon trusted not Israel to passe through his coast; but Sihon gathered all his people together, and pitched in Jahaz, and fought against Israel.

21 And the Lord God of Israel delivered Sihon and all his people into the hands of Israel, and they smote them: so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country.

22 And they possessed all the coasts of the Amorites, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and from the wilderness even unto Jordan.

23 So now the Lord God of Israel hath dispossessed the Amorites from be-

for his people Israel, and shouldest thou possess it?

24 Will not thou possess that which Chemosh thy god giveth thee to possess? for whomsoever the LORD our God shall drive out from before us, them will we possess.

25 And now art thou any thing better than Balak the son of Zippor king of Moab? Did he ever strive against Israel, or did he ever fight against them?

26 While Israel dwelt in Heshbon and her towns, and in Aroer and her towns, and in all the cities that be along by the coasts of Arnon, three hundred years? why therefore did ye not recover them within that time?

27 Wherefore I have not sinned against thee, but thou doest me wrong to war against me; the LORD the judge, be judge this day between the children of Israel and the children of Ammon.

28 Howbeit, the king of the children of Ammon bemoaned not unto the words of Jephthah which he sent him.

29 ¶ Then the spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead, & Manasse, & passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, & from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over unto the children of Ammon.

30 And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands,

31 Then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD'S, and I will offer it up for a burnt-offering.

32 ¶ So Jephthah passed over unto the children of Ammon to fight against them, and the LORD delivered them into his hands.

33 And he smote them from Aroer, even till thou come to Minnith, even twenty cities, and unto the plain of the vineyards; with a very great slaughter: thus the children of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel.

34 ¶ And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances, and she was his only child: beside her he had neither son nor daughter.

35 And it came to pass when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter, thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me; for I have opened my mouth unto the LORD, and I cannot go back.

36 And he said unto him, My father, if thou hast opened thy mouth unto the LORD, do so to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; forasmuch as the LORD hath taken Zebulun vengeance for thee of thine enemies, even of the children of Ammon.

37 And he said unto her father, Let this thing be done for me: Let me alone two months, that I may go up and down upon the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my fellows.

38 And he said, Go. And he sent her away for two months: and she went

with her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains.

39 And it came to pass at the end of two months that she returned unto her father, who did with her according to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew no man. And it was a custom in Israel,

40 That the daughters of Israel went yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year.

CHAP. XII.

1 *The Ephraimites quarrelling with Jephthah, and discerned by Shibboleth, are slain by the Gileadites.*

AND the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, & went northward, and said unto Jephthah, wherefore passedst thou over to fight against the children of Ammon, and didst not call us to go with thee? we will burn thine house upon thee with fire.

2 And Jephthah said unto them, I and my people were at great strife & the children of Ammon; and when I called you, ye delivered me not out of their hands.

3 And when I saw that ye delivered me not, I put my life in my hands, and passed over against the children of Ammon, & the LORD delivered them into my hand: wherefore then are ye come up unto me this day, to fight against me?

4 Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim: and the men of Gilead smote Ephraim, because they said, Ye Gileadites are fugitives of Ephraim, among the Ephraimites, and among the Manassites.

5 And the Gileadites took the passages of Jordan before the Ephraimites; and it was so, when those Ephraimites which were escaped said, Let me go over; then the men of Gilead said unto him, Art thou an Ephraimite? if he said, Nay:

6 Then said they unto him, Say now Shibboleth: and he said Sibboleth: for he could not frame to pronounce it right. Then they took him, and slew him at the passages of Jordan: and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites, forty and two thousand.

7 And Jephthah judged Israel six years: then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in one of the cities of Gilead.

8 ¶ And after him Ibzan of Beth-lehem judged Israel.

9 And he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters, whom he sent abroad, and took in thirty daughters from abroad for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years.

10 Then died Ibzan, and was buried at Beth-lehem.

11 ¶ And after him, Elon a Zebulonite judged Israel, and he judged Israel ten years.

12 And Elon the Zebulonite died, and was buried in Aijalon in the country of Zebulun.

13 ¶ And after him, Abdon the son of Hillel a Pirathonite judged Israel.

14 And he had forty sons, and thirty nephews, that rode on three score and ten ass-colls: & he judged Israel eight years.

15 And Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the mount of the Amalekites.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *An angel appeareth to Manoah's wife:*

2 *He appeareth to Manoah himself.*

3 *Samson is born.*

4 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.

5 ¶ And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah, and his wife was barren and bare not.

6 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive & bear a son.

7 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine, nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing.

8 For lo, thou shalt conceive and bear a son, and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazirite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

9 ¶ Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me: and his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name.

10 But he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean thing: for the child shall be a Nazirite to God, from the womb to the day of his death.

11 ¶ Then Manoah intreated the LORD, and said, O my lord, let the man of God which thou didst send, come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.

12 And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; & the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah her husband was not with her. 13 And the woman made haste, and ran, and shewed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, thy man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the other day.

14 And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, Art thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I am.

15 And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to pass: how shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him?

16 And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman, let her beware.

17 She may not eat of any thing that cometh of the wine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing: all that I commanded her, let her observe.

18 ¶ And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, I pray thee let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid for thee.

19 And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt-offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD: for Manoah knew not that he was an angel of the LORD.

20 And Manoah said unto the angel of

the LORD, What is thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass, we may do thee honour?

21 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is secret?

22 So Manoah took a kid, with a meat-offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the LORD: and the angel did wondrously: and Manoah and his wife looked on.

23 For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar: and Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground.

24 (But the angel of the LORD did not more appear to Manoah and to his wife) Then Manoah knew that he was an angel of the LORD.

25 And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God.

26 But his wife said unto him, If the LORD were pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt-offering and a meat-offering at our hands, neither would he have shewed us all these things, nor would as at this time have told us such things as these.

27 ¶ And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him.

28 And the Spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in the camp of Dan, between Zorah and Ethaol.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *Samson desireth a wife of the Philistines: told in marriage to his father and bride, 19 He spoileth thirty Philistines.*

2 And Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath, of the daughters of the Philistines.

3 And he came up and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife.

4 Then his father and his mother said unto him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me, for she pleaseth me well.

5 But his father and his mother knew not that it was of the LORD, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.

6 Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and behold, a young lion roared against him.

7 And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand, but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.

8 And he went down, and talked with the woman, & she pleased Samson well.

9 ¶ And after a time, he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcase of the lion: and behold there was a swarm of bees, and honey in the carcase of the lion.

10 And he took thereof in his hands, and

went on eating, and came to his father & mother, & he gave them, & they did eat: but he told not them that he had raken the honey out of the carcase of the lion.

10 ¶ So his father went down unto the woman, and Samson made there a feast: for so used the young men to do.

11 And it came to pass when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him.

12 ¶ And Samson said unto them, I will now put forth a riddle unto you: if you can certainly declare it me, within the seven dayes of the feast, and finde it out, then I will give you thirty sheers, and thirty change of garments.

13 But if ye cannot declare it me, then shall ye give me thirty sheers, and thirty change of garments. And they said unto him, Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear it.

14 And he said unto them, Out of ~~the~~ earer came forth sweetmeate, and out of the strong came forth sweetnesse. And they could not in three dayes expound the riddle.

15 And it came to passe on the seventh day, that they said unto Samsons wife, Thrice thy husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy fathers house with fire: have ye called us to take that we have? *Is it not so?*

16 And Samsons wife wept before him, and said, Thou dost but hate me, & lovest me not: thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and hast not told it me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told it: my father nor my mother, and shall I tell it thee?

17 And she wept before him the seven days, while the feast lasted: & it came to passe, on ~~the~~ seventh day, ~~he~~ he told her, because the lay sore upon him: and he told the riddle to the children of her people.

18 And the men of the city said unto him on ~~the~~ seventh day before ~~he~~ he went down, what is sweeter then honey? and what is stronger then a lion? And he said unto them, If ye had not plowed with my beifer, ye had not found out my riddle.

19 ¶ And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he went down to Athkelon, and slew thirty men of them, and took their spoil, and gave change of garments unto them which expounded the riddle: and his anger was kindled, and he went up to his fathers house.

20 But Samsons wife was given to his companion, whom he had used as his friend.

CHAP. XV.

1 Samson denied his wife, 2 burneth the Philistines corn with foxes and five brands, 3 He smiteth them hip & thigh, 4 and killeth them with a jaw-bone.

BUT it came to passe within a while after, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid, and he said, I will go in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not suffer him to go in.

2 And her father said, I verily thought that thou hadst utterly hated her, therefore I gave her to thy companion: is not her younger sister fairer then she? take her, I pray thee, in stead of her.

3 ¶ And Samson said concerning

them, Now shall I be more blamelesse then the Philistines, though I do them a displeasure.

4 And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took fire-brands, and turned tail to tail, and put a fire-brand in the midst between two tails.

5 And when he had set the brands on fire, he let them go into the standing-corn of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shecks, and also the standing-corn, with the vineyards and olives.

6 ¶ Then the Philistines said, Who hath done this? & they answered, Samson the son in law of the Timnite, because he had taken his wife, and given her to his companion. And the Philistines came up, and burnt her and her father with fire.

7 ¶ And Samson said unto them, Though ye have done this, yet will I be avenged of you, and after ~~ye~~ I will cease.

8 And he smote them hip and thigh with a great slaughter; & he went down and dwelt in the top of the rock Etam.

9 ¶ Then the Philistines went up, and pitched in Judah, and spread themselves in Lehi.

10 And the men of Judah said, Why are ye come up against us? and they answered, To binde Samson: are we come up to do to him, as he hath done to us.

11 Then three thousand men of Judah went to the top of the rock Etam, and said to Samson, Knowest thou not that the Philistines are rulers over us? what ~~is this that~~ thou hast done unto us? And he said unto them, As they did unto me, so have I done unto them.

12 And they said unto him, We are come down to binde thee, that we may deliver thee into the hand of the Philistines. And Samson said unto them, Swear unto me, that ye will not fall upon me your selves.

13 And they spake unto him, saying, No; but we will binde thee fast, and deliver thee into their hand; but surely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new cords, and brought him up from the rock.

14 ¶ And when he came unto Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him: and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, & the cords ~~were~~ were upon his arms, became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands.

15 And he found a new jaw-bone of an assle, and put forth his hand and took it, and slew a thousand men therewith.

16 And Samson said, upon the jaw-bone of an assle, heaps upon heaps, with ~~ye~~ I jaw of an assle have I slain a thousand men.

17 And it came to passe when he had made an end of speaking, that he cast away the jaw-bone out of his hand, and called that place Ramath-lehi.

18 ¶ And he was sore athirst, & called on the LORD, and said, Thou hast given this great deliverance into the hand of thy servant: and now shall I die for thirst, & fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?

19 But God clave an hollow place that was in the jaw, and there came water thereout; and when he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived: wherefore he called the name thereof *Ephrah*, more, which ~~is~~ in Lehi unto this day.

20 And he judged Israel in the dayes of the Philistines twenty years.

C H A P. X V I.

1 Samson carrieth away the gates of Gaza. 4 Delilah corrupted by the Philistines, enticeth him, 11 and overcometh him. 21 The Philistines put out his eyes. 22 The manner of his death.

Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, & went in unto her.

2 And it was told the Gazites, saying, Samson is come hither. And they compassed him in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night, saying, In the morning when it is day, we shall kill him.

3 And Samson lay till midnight, and rose at midnight, and took the dores of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, bar and all, and put them upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of an hill that is before Hebron.

4 ¶ And it came to passe afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.

5 And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may binde him to afflict him: and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver.

6 And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength lieth, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee.

7 And Samson said unto her, If they binde me with seven green withs, that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.

8 Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven green withs, which had not been dried, and the bound him with them.

9 (Now there were men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber) & the said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he brake 7 withs, as a thread of tow is broken when it toucheth the fire: so his strength was not known.

10 And Delilah said unto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound.

11 And he said unto her, If they binde me fast with new ropes that never were occupied, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.

12 Delilah therefore took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. (And there were liers in wait, abiding in the chamber.) And he brake them from off his arms like a thread.

13 And Delilah said unto Samson, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said unto her, If thou weavest the seven locks of my head with the web.

14 And she fastened it with the pin, and said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awaked out of his sleep, and went away with the pin of the beam, and with the web.

15 And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart is not with me? Thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength lieth.

16 And it came to passe, when she pressed him daily with her words, & urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death;

17 That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head, for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mothers womb: If I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.

18 And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once: for he hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her: and brought money in their hand.

19 And she made him sleep upon her knees, and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off 7 seven locks of his head, and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.

20 And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, & said, I will go on: as at other times before, & shake my self. And he wist not that the Lord was departed from him.

21 ¶ But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, & brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass, and he did grinde in the prison-house.

22 Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again, after he was shaven.

23 Then the lords of 7 Philistines gathered them together, for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand.

24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, which slew many of us.

25 And it came to passe when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison-house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the pillars.

26 And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon 7 house standeth, that I may lean upon them.

27 Now the house was full of men and women: and all the lords of 7 Philistines were there: and there were upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport.

28 And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, onely this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.

29 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars, upon which the house stood, and on which it was born up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.

30 And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines: and he bowed himself

with *as his might*; and the house fell upon the lords; and upon all the people that were therein: so the dead which he slew at his death, were more than they which he slew in his life.

31 Then his brethren, and all the house of his father, came down and took him, and brought him up, and buried him between Zorah and Ekhrail, in the burying-place of Manoah his father: and he judged Israel twenty years.

CHAP. XVII.

1 Micah restoring the stolen money to his mother, *for maketh imager.* 7 He birteth a Levite to be his priest.

And there was a man of mount Ephraim, whose name was Micah.

2 And he said unto his mother, The eleven hundred shekels of silver, that were taken from thee, about which thou cursedst, and speakest of also in mine ears; behold, the silver is with me, I took it. And his mother said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my son.

3 And when he had restored the eleven hundred shekels of silver to his mother, his mother said, I had wholly dedicated the silver unto the LORD, from my hand, for my son, to make a graven image, and a molten image: now therefore I will restore it unto thee.

4 Yet he restored the money unto his mother, and his mother took two hundred shekels of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image, and a molten image: and they were in the house of Micah.

5 And the man Micah had an house of gods, and made an ephod, and teraphim; and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest.

6 In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

7 ¶ And there was a young man out of Beth-lehem-judah, of the family of Judah, who was a Levite, & he sojourned there.

8 And the man departed out of the city from Beth-lehem-judah, to sojourn where he could find a place: and he came to mount Ephraim to the house of Micah, as he journeyed.

9 And Micah said unto him, Whence comest thou? And he said unto him, I am a Levite of Beth-lehem-judah, and I go to sojourn where I may find a place.

10 And Micah said unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give thee ten shekels of silver by the year, & a suit of apparel, and thy victuals. So the Levite went in.

11 And the Levite was content to dwell with the man, and the young man was unto him as one of his sons.

12 And Micah consecrated the Levite, and the young man became his priest, and was in the house of Micah.

13 Then said Micah, Now know I that the LORD will do me good, seeing I have a Levite to my priest.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 The Danites send five men to seek an inheritance. 27 They win Laish.

In those days there was no king in Israel: and in those days the tribe of the Danites sought them an inheritance

to dwell in: for unto that day all their inheritance had not fallen unto them among the tribes of Israel.

2 And 5 children of Dan sent of their family, five men from their coasts, men of valour, from Zorah, and from Ekhrail, to spie out the land, and to search it; and they said unto them, Go, search 7 land: who when they came to mount Ephraim, to 7 house of Micah, they lodged there.

3 When they were by the house of Micah, they knew 7 voice of the young man the Levite; and they turned in thither, and said unto him, who brought thee hither? and what maketh thou in this place? and what hast thou here?

4 And he said unto them, Thus and thus dealeth Micah with me, and hath hired me, and I am his priest.

5 And they said unto him, Ask counsel, we pray thee, of God, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous.

6 And the priest said unto them, Go in peace: before the LORD is your way whither ye go.

7 ¶ Then the five men departed, and came to Laish, and saw the people 7 there, how they dwelt careless, after the manner of the Zidonians, quiet and secure, & there was no magistrate in the land 7 might put them to shame in any thing: and they were far from the Zidonians, & had no business with any man.

8 And they came unto their brethren to Zorah, and Ekhrail: and their brethren said unto them, what say ye?

9 And they said, Arise, for we may go up against them: for we have seen the land, and behold, it is very good: and are ye still? be not slothful to go, and to enter to possess the land.

10 When ye go, ye shall come unto a people secure, and to a large land: for God hath given it into your hands: a place where there is no want of any thing that is in the earth.

11 ¶ And there went from thence of the family of the Danites out of Zorah and out of Ekhrail, six hundred men, appointed with weapons of war.

12 And they went up, & pitched in Kirjath-jearim, in Judah: wherefore they called 7 place Mahanah-dan, unto this day: behold, it is behinde Kirjath-jearim.

13 And they passed thence unto mount Ephraim, and came unto the house of Micah.

14 ¶ Then answered the five men that went to spie out the country of Laish, and said unto their brethren, Do ye know that there is in these houses an ephod, and teraphim, and a graven image, and a molten image? Now therefore consider what ye have to do.

15 And they turned thitherward, and came to the house of the young man the Levite, even unto the house of Micah, and saluted him.

16 And the six hundred men appointed with their weapons of war, which were of the children of Dan, stood by the entering of the gate.

17 And the five men that went to spie out the land, went up, and came in thither, and took the graven image, and the ephod.

god, and the teraphim, and the molten image: & the priest stood in the entering of the gate, with 7 six hundred men that were appointed with weapons of war.

18 And these went into Micah's house, & fetched the carved image, the ephod, & the teraphim, & the molten image: then said the priest unto them, what do ye?

19 And they said unto him, Hold thy peace, lay thine hand upon thy mouth, and go with us, and be to us a father and a priest: *Is it better for thee to be a priest unto the house of one man, or that thou be a priest unto a tribe and a family in Israel?*

20 And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod, and the teraphim, and the graven image, and went in the midst of the people.

21 So they turned and departed, and put the little ones, and the cattel, and the carriage before them.

22 ¶ And when they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men that were in the houses near to Micah's house, were gathered together, and overtook the children of Dan.

23 And they cried unto the children of Dan: and they turned their faces, and said unto Micah, what aileth thee, that thou comest with such a company?

24 And he said, Ye have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and ye are gone away: and what have I more? and what is this that ye say unto me, what aileth thee?

25 And the children of Dan said unto him, Let not thy voice be heard among us, lest angry fellows run upon thee, and thou lose thy life, with the lives of thy household.

26 And the children of Dan went their way: and when Micah saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back unto his house.

27 And they took the things which Micah had made, and the priest which he had, and came unto Laish, unto a people that were at quiet, and secure; and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire.

28 And there was no deliverer, because it was far from Zidon, and they had no business with any man; and it was in the valley that lieth by Beth-rehob: and they built a city, and dwelt therein.

29 And they called the name of 7 city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born unto Israel: howbeit the name of the city was Laish at the first.

30 ¶ And the children of Dan set up 7 graven image: and Jonathan the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, he and his sons, were priests to the tribe of Dan, untill the day of the captivity of the land.

31 And they set them up Micah's graven image, which he made, all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.

CHAP. XIX.

1 A Levite going to Beth-lehem to fetch home his wife, & an old man entertaineth him at Gibeah. 22 The Gibeabites abuse his concubine to death.

And it came to passe in those dayes, when there was no king in Israel, 7 there was a certain Levite sojourning on

the side of mount Ephraim, who took to him a concubine out of Beth-lehem-judah.

2 And his concubine played the whore against him, & went away from him unto her fathers house to Beth-lehem-judah, and was there four whole moneths.

3 And her husband arose, and went after her to speak friendly unto her, and to bring her again, having his servant with him, and a couple of asses; and she brought him into her fathers house, and when the father of the damsel saw him, he rejoiced to meet him.

4 And his father in law, the damsel's father, retained him, and he abode with him three dayes: so they did eat and drink, and lodged there.

5 And it came to passe on the fourth day, when they arose early in the morning, that he rose up to depart: and the damsel's father said unto his son in law, Comfort thine heart with a morsell of bread, and afterward go your way.

6 And they sat down and did eat and drink both of them together: for the damsel's father had said unto the man, Be content, I pray thee, and tarry all night, and let thine heart be merry.

7 And when the man rose up to depart, his father in law urged him: therefore he lodged there again.

8 And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart: and the damsel's father said, Comfort thine heart, I pray thee. And they tarried untill after noon, and they did eat both of them.

9 And when the man rose up to depart, he and his concubine, & his servant, his father in law, 7 damsel's father said unto him, Behold now the day draweth towards evening, I pray you, tarry all night, behold, 7 day groweth to an end, lodge here, that thine heart may be merry; and to morrow get you early on your way, that thou mayest go home.

10 But the man would not tarry that night, but he rose up and departed, and came over against Jebus, (which is Jerusalem) & there was with him two asses saddled, his concubine also was with him.

11 And when they were by Jebus, the day was far spent: and the servant said unto his master, Come, I pray thee, and let us turn in unto this city of the Jebusites, and lodge in it.

12 And his master said unto him, we will not turn aside thither into the city of a stranger, that is not of the children of Israel, we will passe over to Gibeah.

13 And he said unto his servant, Come, & let us draw near to one of these places to lodge all night, in Gibeah, or in Ramah.

14 And they passed on and went their way, and the sun went down upon them when they were by Gibeah, which belongeth to Benjamin.

15 And they turned aside thither, to go in and to lodge in Gibeah: and when he went in, he sat him down in a street of the city: for there was no man 7 took them into his house to lodge.

16 ¶ And behold, there came an old man from his work out of the field as even, which was also of mount Ephraim, and he sojourned in Gibeah, but the men of the place were Benjamites.

The Levites complaint.

17 And when he had lift up his eyes, he saw a wayfaring man in the street of the city: and the old man said, Whither goest thou? And whence comest thou?

18 And he said unto him, We are passing from Beth-lehem-judah, toward the side of mount Ephraim, from thence am I: and I went to Beth-lehem-judah, but I am now going to the house of the LORD, and there is no man that receiveth me to house.

19 Yet there is both straw and provender for our asses, and there is bread and wine also for me and for thy handmaid, and for the young man *which* is with thy servants: *there is no want of any thing.*

20 And the old man said, Peace be with thee; howsoever, *let all thy wants lie upon me; only lodge not in the street.*

21 So he brought him into his house, & gave provender unto the asses: and they washed their feet, and did eat and drink.

22 ¶ Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, 7 men of the city, certain sons of Belial, beset the house round about, and beat at the door, and spake to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring forth thy man that came into thine house, that we may know him.

23 And 7 men, the masters of the house went out unto them, and said unto them, Nay, my brethren, nay, I pray you, do not so wickedly; seeing that this man is come into mine house, do not this folly.

24 Behold, *this is my daughter a maiden, and his concubine, them I will bring out now, & humble ye them, & do with them what seemeth good unto you; but unto this man do not so vile a thing.*

25 But the men would not hearken to him: so the man took his concubine, and brought her forth unto them; and they knew her, and abused her all the night untill the morning: and when the day began to spring, they let her go.

26 Then came the woman in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the mans house, where her lord was, till it was light.

27 And her lord rose up in the morning, and opened the doors of the house, and went out to go his way: and behold, the woman his concubine was fallen down at the door of the house, and her hands were upon the threshold.

28 And he said unto her, Up, and let us be going; but none answered. Then the man took her up upon an ass, and the man rose up, and gat him unto his place.

29 ¶ And when he was come into his house, he took a knife, and laid hold on his concubine, and divided her, together with her bones, into twelve pieces, and sent her into all the coasts of Israel.

30 And it was so, that all that saw it, said, There was no such deed done nor seen, from the day that the children of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt, unto this day: consider of it, take advice, and speak your minds.

CHAP. XX.

1 The Levite in a general assembly declareth his wrong. 8 Their decree.

26 The Benjaminites are destroyed.

Then all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was ga-

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thered together, as one man, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, with the land of Gilead, unto the LORD in Mizpeh.

2 And the chief of all the people, even of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen that drew sword.

3 (Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel were gone up to Mizpeh) Then said the children of Israel, Tell us, how was this wickedness?

4 And the Levite the husband of the woman that was slain, answered and said, I came into Gibeah that belongeth to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to lodge.

5 And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and beset the house round about upon me by night; and thought to have slain me: and my concubine have they forced, that she is dead.

6 And I took my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Israel: for they have committed lewdness and folly in Israel.

7 Behold, ye are all children of Israel, give here your advice and counsel.

8 ¶ And all the people arose as one man, saying, We will not any of us go to his rent, neither will we any of us turn into his house.

9 But now, this shall be the thing which we will do to Gibeah, we will lay up by lot against it;

10 And we will take ten men of an hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and an hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to fetch victual for the people, that they may do, when they come to Gibeah of Benjamin, according to all the folly that they have wrought in Israel.

11 So all 7 men of Israel were gathered against 7 city, knit together as one man.

12 ¶ And the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, What wickedness is this that is done among you?

13 Now therefore deliver us the men, the children of Belial, which are in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel. But the children of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel:

14 But the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities, unto Gibeah, to go out to battle against the children of Israel.

15 And the children of Benjamin were numbered at that time out of the cities, twenty and six thousand men that drew sword, beside the inhabitants of Gibeah, which were numbered seven hundred chosen men.

16 Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men left-handed, every one could sling stones at an hair-breadth, and not misse.

17 And the men of Israel, beside Benjamin, were numbered four hundred thousand men that drew sword; all these were men of war.

18 ¶ And the children of Israel arose, and went up to the house of God, and asked

asked counsel of God, and said, which of us shall go up first to the battle against the children of Benjamin? And the LORD said, Judah shall go up first.

39 And the children of Israel rose up in the morning, & encamped against Gibeah.

40 And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin, and the men of Israel put themselves in array to fight against them at Gibeah.

41 And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah, and destroyed down upon the ground of the Israelites that day, twenty and two thousand men.

42 And the people the men of Israel encouraged themselves, & set their battle again in array in the place where they put themselves in array the first day.

43 (And the children of Israel went up and wept before the LORD until even, and asked counsel of the LORD, saying, shall I go up again to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother? And the LORD said, Go up against him.)

44 And the children of Israel came near against the children of Benjamin the second day.

45 And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah the second day, and destroyed down to the ground of the children of Israel again, eighteen thousand men; all these drew the sword.

46 ¶ Then all the children of Israel, and all the people went up, & came unto the house of God, & wept, and sat there before the LORD, and fasted that day until even, and offered burnt-offerings, and peace-offerings before the LORD.

47 And the children of Israel enquired of the LORD, (for the ark of the covenant of God was there in those days,

48 And Phineas the son of Eleazar the son of Aaron, stood before it in those days) saying, shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And the LORD said, go up; for to-morrow I will deliver them into thine hand.

49 And Israel set liars in wait round about Gibeah.

50 And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and put themselves in array against Gibeah, as at other times.

51 And the children of Benjamin went out against the people, and were drawn away from the city; and they began to smite of the people and kill as at other times, in the high-ways, of which one goeth up to the house of God, and the other to Gibeah in the field, about thirty men of Israel.

52 And the children of Benjamin said, they are smitten down before us as at the first: but the children of Israel said, let us flee, and draw them from the city, unto the high-ways.

53 And all the men of Israel rose up out of their place, and put themselves in array at Baal-tamar: and the liars in wait of Israel came forth out of their places, even out of the meadows of Gibeah.

54 And there came against Gibeah ten thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and the battle was sore: but they knew not that evil was near them.

35 And the LORD smote Benjamin before Israel: and the children of Israel destroyed of the Benjamites that day, twenty and five thousand and an hundred men; all these drew the sword.

36 So the children of Benjamin saw that they were smitten: for the men of Israel gave place to the Benjamites, because they trusted unto the liars in wait which they had set beside Gibeah.

37 And the liars in wait basted, and rushed upon Gibeah, and the liars in wait drew themselves along, and smote all the city with the edge of the sword.

38 Now there was an appointed sign between the men of Israel and the liars in wait, that they should make a great flame & smoke to rise up out of the city.

39 And when the men of Israel retired in the battle, Benjamin began to smite & kill of the men of Israel about thirty persons; for they said, Surely they are smitten down before us, as in the first battle.

40 But when the flame began to arise up out of the city, with a pillar of smoke, the Benjamites looked behind them, and behold, the flame of the city ascended up to heaven.

41 And when the men of Israel turned again, the men of Benjamin were amazed; for they saw that evil was come upon them.

42 Therefore they turned their backs before the men of Israel, unto the way of the wilderness, but the battle overtook them; and them which came out of the cities, they destroyed in the midst of them.

43 Thus they encircled the Benjamites round about, and chased them, and trode them down with ease over against Gibeah toward the sun-rising.

44 And there fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men; all these were men of valour.

45 And they turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in the high-ways five thousand men, and pursued hard after them unto Gidom, and slew two thousand men of them.

46 So that all which fell that day of Benjamin, were twenty and five thousand men that drew the sword; all these were men of valour.

47 But six hundred men turned and fled to the wilderness unto the rock Rimmon; and abode in the rock Rimmon four months.

48 And the men of Israel turned again upon the children of Benjamin, and smote them with the edge of the sword, as well the men of every city, as the beast, and all that came to hand; also they set on fire all the cities that they came to.

CHAPTER XXI.

1 The people bewailing the desolation of Benjamin, & advising them to surprise the virgins that danced at Shiloh.

Now men of Israel had sworn in Mizpeh, saying, There shall not any of us give his daughter unto Benjamin to wife.

2 And the people came to the house of God, & abode there till even before God, and lift up their voices, and wept sore.

3 And said, O LORD God of Israel, why is this come to pass in Israel this day?

there should be to day one tribe lacking in Israel?

4 And it came to passe on the morrow, that the people rose early, and built there an altar, and offered burnt-offerings, and peace-offerings.

5 And the children of Israel said, who art thou among all the tribes of Israel, that came not up with the congregation unto the LORD? for they had made a great oath concerning him, that came not up to the LORD to Mizpeh, saying, He shall surely be put to death.

6 And the children of Israel repented them for Benjamin their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day.

7 How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing we have sworn by the LORD, that we will not give them of our daughters to wives?

8 And they said, What one is there of the tribes of Israel, that came not up to Mizpeh to the LORD? and behold, there came none to the camp from Jabesh-gilead to the assembly.

9 For the people were numbred, and behold, there were none of the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead there.

10 And the congregation sent thither twelve thousand men of the valiantest, and commanded them, saying, Go and smite the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the children.

11 And this is the thing that ye shall do, Ye shall utterly destroy every male, and every woman that hath lien by man.

12 And they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead, four hundred young virgins that had known no man by lying with any male: and they brought them unto the camp to Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.

13 And the whole congregation sent some to speak to the children of Benjamin that were in the rock Rimmon, and to call peaceably unto them.

14 And Benjamin came again at that time; and they gave them wives as they had saved alive: of 5 women of Jabesh-gilead; & yet so they sufficed them not.

15 And the people repented them for Benjamin, because that the LORD had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

16 ¶ Then the elders of the congregation said, How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing the women are destroyed out of Benjamin?

17 And they said, There must be an inheritance for them that be escaped of Benjamin, that a tribe be not destroyed out of Israel.

18 Howbeit, we may not give them wives of our daughters: For the children of Israel have sworn, saying, Cursed is he that giveth a wife to Benjamin.

19 Then they said, Behold, there is a feast of the LORD in Shiloh yearly in a place which is on the north-side of Bethel on the east-side of the high-way that goeth up from Bethel to Schechem, and on the south of Lebanon.

20 Therefore they commanded the children of Benjamin, saying, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards:

21 And see, and behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in dances, then come ye out of the vineyards, and catch you every man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin.

22 And it shall be when their fathers or their brethren come unto us to complain, that we will say unto them, Be favourable unto them for our sakes; because we reserved not to each man his wife in the war: for ye did not give unto them at this time, that you should be guiltie.

23 And the children of Benjamin did so, and took them wives according to their number, of them that danced, whom they caught: and they went and returned unto their inheritance, and repaired the cities, and dwelt in them.

24 And the children of Israel departed thence at that time, every man to his tribe, and to his family, and they went out from thence every man to his inheritance.

25 In those dayes there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

The book of RUTH.

CHAP. I.

1 *Elimolech driven by famine into Moab, dieth there. 6 Naomi returning home. 14 Ruth accompanieth her.*

NOW it came to passe in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land; and a certain man of Beth-lehem-judah went to sojourn in y^e countrey of Moab, he and his wife, and his two sons.

2 And the name of the man was Elimolech, and the name of his wife Naomi; and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephraimites of Beth-lehem-judah: and they came into the countrey of Moab, and continued there.

3 And Elimolech Naomis husband died, and she was left, and her two sons:

4 And they took them wives of the women of Moab: the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years.

5 And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons, and her husband.

6 ¶ Then she arose with her daughters in law that the might return from the countrey of Moab: for she had heard in the countrey of Moab, how that the LORD had visited his people, in giving them bread.

7 Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her: & they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah.

8 And Naomi said unto her two daughters in law, Go, return each to her mothers house: the LORD deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me.

9 The LORD grant you that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them: and they lift up their voice, and wept.

10 And they said unto her, Surely we will return with thee unto thy people.

11 And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters; why will ye go with me? Are there yet any more sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?

12 Turn again my daughters; go your way; for I am too old to have an husband: if I should say, I have hope, if I should have a husband also to night, and should also bear sons:

13 Would ye tarrie for them till they were grown? would ye stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for it grieveth me much for your sakes, that the hand of the LORD is gone out against me.

14 And they lift up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law, but Ruth clave unto her.

15 And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people; and unto her gods; return thou after thy sister in law.

16 And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee; for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people; and thy God my God:

17 Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.

18 When the law that she was fled hastily minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

19 ¶ So they two went until they came to Beth-lehem: And it came to pass when they were come to Beth-lehem, that all the citie was moved about them, and they said, Is this Naomi?

20 And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara; for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.

21 I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: why then call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?

22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite, her daughter in law with her, which returned out of the countrey of Moab: and they came to Beth-lehem in the beginning of barley-harvest.

CHAP. II.

1 Ruth gleaneth in the fields of Boaz.

2 Boaz taking knowledge of her, sheweth her great favour.

3 And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz.

4 And Ruth the Moabite, she said unto Naomi, let me now go to the field and glean ears of corn after him; in whose sight I shall finde grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.

5 And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech.

6 ¶ And behold, Boaz came from Beth-lehem, and said unto the reapers, The LORD be with you; and they an-

swered him, The LORD bless thee.

7 Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, whose damsel is this?

8 And the servant that was set over the reapers, answered and said, It is the Moabite damsel that came back with Naomi out of the countrey of Moab:

9 And she said, I pray you let me glean, and gather after the reapers among the sheaves; so she came, and hath continued even from the morning untill now, that she hath tarried a little in the house.

10 Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens.

11 Let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men, that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art thirsty, go unto the vessels, and drink of that which the young men have drawn.

12 Then she fell on her face, and bowed her self to the ground, and said unto him, why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?

13 And Boaz answered & said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me, all y^e thou hast done unto thy mother in law since y^e death of thine husband; & how thou hast left thy father & thy mother, and y^e land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore.

14 The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.

15 Then she said, Let me finde favour in thy sight, my lord; for y^e thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though she not like unto one of thine handmaidens.

16 And Boaz said unto her, At all time come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsell in the vinegar. And the six beside the reapers; and he reached her parched eymes and the did eat and was sufficed, and left.

17 And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and approach her not.

18 And let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them y^e she may glean them, and rebuke her not.

19 So she gleaned in the field untill even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley.

20 ¶ And she took it up, and went into the citie; and her mother in law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had reserved, after the way was sufficed.

21 And her mother in law said unto her, where hast thou gleaned to day? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee. And she shewed her mother in law with whom she had wrought, & said, I have found name with whom I wrought to day, & Boaz.

22 And Naomi said unto her daughter in law, Blessed be he of the LORD, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said

Ruth lieth at Boaz his feet:

October. The man is near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen.

21 And Ruth the Moabitess said, He when he held it, he measured six measures unto me also, Thou shalt keep fast for ever of barley, and laid it on her: and by my young men, untill they have end, she went into the city.

22 And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter in law, It is good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens; y they meet thee not in any other field.

23 So she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to glean, unto the end of barley-harvest, and of wheat-harvest; and dwelt with her mother in law.

CHAP. III.

1 By Naomies instruction, & Ruth lieth at Boaz his feet: & Boaz acknowledges her right of a kinsman.

Then Naomi her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee? y it may be well with thee?

2 And now is not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to night in the threshing-floor.

3 Wath thy self therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: but make not thy self known unto the man, untill he shall have done eating and drinking.

4 And it shall be when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in; and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do.

5 And she said unto her, All that thou sayest unto me, I will do.

6 ¶ And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her.

7 And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry; he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.

8 ¶ And it came to passe at midnight, that the man was afraid, & turned himself: and behold, a woman lay at his feet.

9 And he said, who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid, for thou art a near kinsman.

10 And he said, Blessed be thou of the LORD my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end, than at the beginning, as much as thou followest not young men, whether poor or rich.

11 And now my daughter, fear not; I will do for thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know, that thou art a virtuous woman.

12 And now it is true, that I am thy near kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I.

13 Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsmans part; but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, as the LORD liveth: lie down untill the morning.

14 ¶ And he lay at his feet untill the morning: & he rose up before one could know another. And he said, Let it not be known that a woman came into y floor, an

Ruth.

He buyeth the inheritance.

15 Also he said, Basing the vail that thou hast upon thee; and hold it. And when he held it, he measured six measures unto me also, Thou shalt keep fast for ever of barley, and laid it on her: and by my young men, untill they have end, she went into the city.

16 And when she came to her mother in law, she said, who art thou my daughter? and she told her all that the man had done to her.

17 And she said, These six measures of barley gave he me; for he said to me, Go not empty unto thy mother in law.

18 Then said she, Sir full, my daughter, untill thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in tell, untill he have finished the thing this day.

CHAP. IIII.

1 Boaz calleth into judgement the next kinsman. 2 Refusing the redemption, 3 Boaz buyeth the inheritance. 4 He marrieth Ruth.

Then went Boaz up to the gate, and sat him down there: and behold, the kinsman of whom Boaz spake, came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such a one, turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down.

2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye down here. And they sat down.

3 And he said unto the kinsman, Naomi that is come again out of the country of Moab selleth a parcell of land, which was our brother Elimelechs.

4 And I thought to advertise thee, saying, Buy it before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem it, redeem it; but if thou wilt not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know: for there is none to redeem it besides thee, and I am after thee. And he said, I will redeem it.

5 Then said Boaz, What day thou buyest the field of the hand of Naomi, thou must buy it also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance.

6 ¶ And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for my self, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thy self, for I cannot redeem it.

7 Now this was the manner in former time in Israel, concerning redeeming; and concerning changing, for to confirm all things: a man plucked off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbour: and this was a testimony in Israel.

8 Therefore y kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy it for thee: so he drew off his shoe.

9 ¶ And Boaz said unto the elders, and unto all the people, Ye are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelechs, and all that was Chilion, and Mahlons, of the hand of Naomi.

10 Moreover, Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye are witnesses this day.

11 And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders said, We are witnesses: The LORD make the woman that is come into thine house, like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the

house of Israel: and do thou worship in Ephraim, and be famous in Beth-lehem.

12 And let thy house be like the house of Pharez; (whom Tamar bare unto Judah) of the seed which the LORD shall give thee of this young woman.

13 ¶ So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bare a son.

14 And the woman said unto Naomi, blessed be the LORD which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel.

15 And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter is now in law which loveth thee, which is better to

thee then seven sons: hath born him, 16 And Naomi took 7 childre, & laid 16 in her bosome, & became nurse unto it.

17 And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi, and they called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

18 ¶ Now these are the generations of Pharez: Pharez begat Hezron,

19 And Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab,

20 And Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon,

21 And Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed,

22 And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.

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CHAP. I.

1 *Elkanah and his two wives.* 10 *Hannahs prayer.* 20 *Samuel is born;* 24 *and presented to the Lord.*

NOW there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of mount Ephraim; and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jerobam, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite:

2 And he had two wives, the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

3 And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there.

4 ¶ And when y time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, & to all her sons & her daughters, portions.

5 But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion: for he loved Hannah; but the LORD had shut up her womb;

6 And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret; because the LORD had shut up her womb.

7 And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so he provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat.

8 Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? & why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee then ten sons?

9 ¶ So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, & after they had drunk: (now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD)

10 And she was in bitterness of soul, & prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.

11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, & not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man-child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the dayes of his life; and there shall no razor come upon his head.

12 And it came to passe as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth.

13 Now Hannah, the spake in her heart; only her lips moved; but her

voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.

14 And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.

15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord; I am a woman of a sorrowfull spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

16 Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.

17 Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace; and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him.

18 And she said, Let thine handmaid finde grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad.

19 ¶ And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her.

20 Wherefore it came to passe, when the time was come about, after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, because I have asked him of the LORD.

21 And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.

22 But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, I will not go up, untill the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever.

23 And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good, tarry untill thou have weaned him; only the LORD establish his word: so the woman abode, and gave her son suck untill she weaned him.

24 ¶ And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child was young.

25 And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli.

26 And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman

that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD.

27 For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him:

28 Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD as long as he liveth, he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

CHAP. II.

1 *Hannah's song.* 2 *The sin of Elies sons.*

3 *Samuels ministry.* 27 *A prophecy against Elies house.*

AND Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD; mine horn is exalted in the LORD; my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation.

1 There is none holy as the LORD; for there is none beside thee; neither is there any rock like our God.

2 Talk no more to exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

3 The bowes of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled, are girt with strength.

4 They that were full, have hired out themselves for bread, and they that were hungry, ceased: so that the barren hath born seven, and she that hath many children, is waxed feeble.

5 The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.

6 The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the begger from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit his throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORDS, and he hath set the world upon them.

8 He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.

9 The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces: out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: The LORD shall judge the ends of the earth, and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

10 And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house; and the child did minister unto the LORD before Eli the priest.

11 Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial, they knew not the LORD.

12 And the priests custom with the people was, that when any man offered sacrifice, the priests servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand.

13 And he strook it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up, the priest took for himself: so they did in Shiloh, unto all the Israelites that came thither.

14 Also before they burnt the fat, the priests servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw.

15 And if any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and then take as much as thy soul desireth:

then he would answer him, Nay, but thou shalt give it me now; and if not, I will take it by force.

16 Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

17 But Samuel ministered before the LORD, being a child, girded with a linen ephod.

18 Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when the came up with her husband, to offer the yearly sacrifice.

19 And Eli blessed Elkanah, and his wife, and said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman, for the loan which is lent to the LORD. And they went unto their own home.

20 And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived and bare three sons, and two daughters: and the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

21 Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel, and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

22 And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings, by all this people.

23 Nay my sons: for it is no good report that I hear; ye make the LORDS people to transgress.

24 If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.

25 (And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men.)

26 And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaohs house?

27 And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me, and did I give unto the house of thy father all thy offerings made by fire of thy children of Israel?

28 Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice, and at mine offering which I have commanded in my habitation; and honour thy sons above me, to make your selves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people?

29 Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed, that thy house, and the house of thy father should walk before me for ever; but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me, I will honour, and they that despise me, shall be lightly esteemed.

30 Behold, the dayes come that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy fathers house; that there shall not be an old man in thine house.

31 And thou shalt see an enemy in my habitation, in all the wealth which God shall give Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever.

32 And the man of thine, whom I shall not cut off from mine altar, shall be an

consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart; and all the increase of thine house shall die in the flower of their age.

34 And this shall be a signe unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas: in one day they shall die both of them.

35 And I will raise me up a faithfull priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart, & in my mind; and I will build him a sure house, and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever.

36 And it shall come to passe that every one that is left in thine house, shall come and crouch to him for a piece of silver, and a morzell of bread, and shall say, Put me (I pray thee) into one of the priests offices, that I may eat a piece of bread.

C H A P. III.

1 How the word of the Lord was first revealed to Samuel. 11 God telleth Samuel the destruction of Eli's house.

And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli: and the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision.

2 And it came to passe at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see;

3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep;

4 That the LORD called Samuel, and he answered, Here am I.

5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I, for thou calledst me. And he said, I called nor; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

6 And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I, for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called nor, my son; lie down again.

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.

8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose, and went to Eli, and said, Here am I, for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.

9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down; and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak LORD, for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 And the LORD came, and stood and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak, for thy servant heareth.

11 ¶ And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the eies of every one that heareth it, shall tingle.

12 In that day, I will perform against Eli, all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end.

13 For I have told him, y I will judge his house for ever, for y inquiry which he knoweth: because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

14 And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of

Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

15 ¶ And Samuel lay untill the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD: and Samuel feared in shew Eli the vision.

16 Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel my son. And he answered, Here am I.

17 And he said, what is the thing y the LORD hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, & more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all y things that he said unto thee.

18 And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good.

19 ¶ And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

20 And all Israel from Dan even to Beertheba, knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the LORD.

21 And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh, by the word of the LORD.

C H A P. IIII.

1 The Israelites are overcome of the Philistines. 11 The ark is taken, and Eli's sons are slain. 12 Eli bearing the news, falling back-ward, breaketh his neck.

¶ And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battel, and pitched beside Eben-ezer: and the Philistines pitched in Aphele.

2 And the Philistines put themselves in aray against Israel: and when they joyned battel, Israel was smitten before the Philistines: and they slew of the army in the field about four thousand men.

3 ¶ And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the LORD smitten us to day before the Philistines? let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.

4 So y people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hoils, which dwelleth between the cherubims; & the two sons of Eli, Hophni & Phinehas, were there, & the ark of the covenant of God.

5 And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout: so that the earth rang again.

6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, what meaneth the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the LORD was come into the camp.

7 And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God is come into the camp. And they said, we unto us; for there hath not been such a thing heretofore.

8 We unto us: who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? these are the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness.

The ark is taken.

9 Be strong, and quit your selves like men, O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews, as they have been to you: quit your selves like men, and fight.

10 ¶ And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a very great slaughter, for there fell of Israel thirtie thousand footmen.

11 And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain.

12 ¶ And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the armie, and came to shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head.

13 And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon a seat by the way, sideswatching: for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the citie and told it, all the citie cried out.

14 And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, *What meaneth the noise of this tumult?* And the man came in hastily, and told Eli.

15 Now Eli was ninetie and eight years old; and his eyes were dim, that he could not see.

16 And the man said unto Eli, *I am he that came out of the armie, and I fled so day out of the armie.* And he said, *What is there done, my son?*

17 And the messenger answered and said, *Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people; and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken.*

18 And it came to passe when he made mention of the ark of God; that he fell from off the seat backward by y^e side of the gate, & his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel fourtie years.

19 ¶ And his daughter in law Phinehas wife was with child, *neare to be delivered*: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law, and her husband were dead, she bowed her self and travailed; for her pains came upon her.

20 And about the time of her dearth, the women that stood by her, said unto her, *Fear not, for thou hast born a son.* But she answered not, neither did she regard it.

21 And she named the child I chabod, saying, *The glory is departed from Israel:* (because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband.)

22 And she said, *The glorie is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.*

CHAP. V.

1 *The Philistines bring the ark into the house of Dagon.* 2 *Dagon falleth down.*

6, 8, 10 *They are smitten with emerods.*

And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from Eben-ber unto Ashdod.

2 When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.

3 ¶ And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the earth before

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the ark of the LORD: and they took Dagon, and set him in his place again.

4 And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to y^e ground, before the ark of the LORD: and the head of Dagon, and both the palms of his hands were cut off upon the threshold, onely the stump of Dagon was left to him.

5 Therefore neither the priells of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod, unto this day.

6 But the hand of the LORD was heavie upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with emerods, even Ashdod and the coasts thereof.

7 And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, *The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us; for his hand is sore upon us, and upon Dagon our god.*

8 They sent therefore, and gathered all y^e lords of the Philistines unto them, and said, *what shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel?* And they answered, *Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried about unto Gath.* And they carried the ark of y^e God of Israel about thither.

9 And it was so, that after they had carried it about, the hand of the LORD was against the citie with a very great destruction: and he smote the men of the citie both small and great, and they had emerods in their secret parts.

10 ¶ Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ekron: and it came to passe as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, *They have brought about the ark of the God of Israel to us; to slay us and our people.*

11 So they sent & gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, & said, *Send away the ark of the God of Israel, & let it go again to his own place, y^e it slay us not, & our people: for there was a deadly destruction throughout all the citie; the hand of God was very heavie there.*

12 And the men that died not, were smitten with the emerods: and the cry of the citie went up to heaven.

CHAP. VI.

1 *The Philistines consult to send back the ark.* 19 *The people are smitten for looking into it.*

And the ark of the LORD was in the countrey of the Philistines seven months.

2 And the Philistines called for the priells & the diviners, saying, *what shall we do to the ark of the LORD?* tell us wherewith we shall send it to his place.

3 And they said, *If ye send away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not empty; but in any wise return him a trespass-offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you, why his hand is not removed from you.*

4 Then said they, *what shall be the trespass-offering which we shall return to him?* They answered, *Five golden emerods, and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines; for one plague was on you all, and on your lords.*

5 *Wherefore ye that make images of your emperors,*

emerods, and images of your mice that marre y land; and ye shal give glory unto the God of Israel: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land.

6 Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts as y Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? when he had wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and they departed?

7 Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch-kine, on w^{ch} there hath come no yoke, and tie y kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them:

8 And I take the ark of the LORD, and lay it upon the cart, & put the jewels of gold which ye return him for a trespass-offering, in a coffer by the side thereof, and send it away, that it may go.

9 And see, if it goeth up by the way of his own coast to Beth-shemesh, then he hath done us this great evil; but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that smote us; it was a chance that happened to us.

10 ¶ And the men did so: and took two milch-kine, and tied them to the cart, and shur up their calves at home.

11 And they laid the ark of the LORD upon y cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold, & the images of their emerods.

12 And the kine took y straight way to the way of Beth-shemesh, and went along y high-way, lowing as they went, & turned not aside to the right hand or to the left; and y lords of y Philistines went after them unto y border of Beth-shemesh.

13 And they of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat-harvest in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it.

14 And the cart came into the field of Joshua a Beth-shemite, and stood there, where there was a great stone: and they clave the wood of the cart, & offered the kine a burnt-offering unto the LORD.

15 And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD, and the coffer that was with it, wherein the jewels of gold were, and put them on the great stone: And the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt-offerings, and sacrificed sacrifices the same day unto the LORD.

16 And when the five lords of the Philistines had seen it, they returned to Ekron the same day.

17 And these are the golden emerods which the Philistines returned for a trespass-offering unto the LORD: for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Askelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one.

18 And the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines, belonging to the five lords, both of fenced cities, & of countrey villages, even unto the great stone of Abel, whereon they set down the ark of the LORD: which stone remaineth unto this day, in the field of Joshua the Beth-shemite.

19 ¶ And he smote the men of Beth-shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and three score and ten men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter.

20 And the men of Beth-shemesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God? and to whom shall he go up from us?

21 ¶ And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kirjath-jearim, saying, The Philistines have broughte again the ark of the LORD; come ye down, and fetch it up to you.

CHAP. VII.

3 The Israelites by Samuels means solemnly repent at Mizpeh. 9 Samuel praying, the Philistines are discompted.

AND y men of Kirjath-jearim came, and fetcht up the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son, to keep the ark of the LORD.

2 And it came to passe while the ark abode in Kirjath-jearim, y time was long: for it was twenty years; and all the house of Israel lamented after y LORD.

3 ¶ And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods, and Ash-taroath from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him onely: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.

4 Then the children of Israel did put away Baalim, and Ash-taroath, and served the LORD onely.

5 And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD.

6 And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured it out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the LORD. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh.

7 And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel, and when the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines.

8 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.

9 ¶ And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a burnt-offering wholly unto the LORD; and Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel, and the LORD heard him.

10 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt-offering, the Philistines drew near to battel against Israel: but the LORD thundred with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them, & they were smitten before Israel.

11 And y men of Israel went out of Mizpeh, & pursued the Philistines, and smote them; untill they came under Beth-car.

12 Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Eben-ezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.

13 ¶ So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into the coast of Israel: and the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines, all the dayes of Samuel.

14 And the cities which the Philistines had

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had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even unto Gath, and 5 counts thereof did Israel deliver out of the hands of 5 Philistines; and there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

15 And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.

16 And he went from year to year in circuit to Beth-el, & Gilgal, & Mizpeh, and judged Israel in all those places.

17 And his return was to Ramah; for there was his house; and there he judged Israel, and there he built an altar unto the LORD.

CHAP. VIII.

1 By the occasion of the ill government of Samuel's sons, the Israelites ask a king. 10 The manner of a king.

AND it came to passe when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel.

2 Now the name of his first-born was Joel, and the name of his second, Abiah; they were judges in Beer-sheba.

3 And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgement.

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah;

5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways; now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

6 ¶ But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us; and Samuel prayed unto the LORD.

7 And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee; for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me; y^e I should not reign over them.

8 According to all 5 works 5 they have done since 5 day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods; so do they also unto thee.

9 Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit, yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

10 ¶ And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people, that asked of him a king.

11 And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen, and some shall run before his chariots.

12 And he will appoint him captains over thousands, & captains over hundreds, and will set them to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots.

13 And he will take your daughters to be confectionaries, and to be cooks, and to be bakers.

14 And he will take your fields, & your vineyards, and your olive-yards, even 5 best of them, & give them to his servants.

15 And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants:

16 And he will take your men-servants,

and your maid-servants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put them to his work.

17 He will take the tenth of your sheep, and ye shall be his servants.

18 And ye shall cry out in that day, because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD will not hear you in that day.

19 ¶ Nevertheless, 5 people refused to obey the voice of Samuel, and they said, Nay, but we will have a king over us:

20 That we also may be like all 5 nations, and that our king may judge us, and go on before us, and fight our battles.

21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD.

22 And 5 LORD said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voices, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

CHAP. IX.

1 Saul desiring to finde his fathers asses, 18 cometh to Samuel: 19 Who entertaineth him at the feast: 25 and after secret communication, bringeth him on his way.

NOW there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power.

2 And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly; and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person then he: from his shoulders and upward, he was higher then any of the people.

3 And the asses of Kish, Saul's father, were lost; and Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses.

4 And he passed through mount Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalitha, but they found them not; then they passed through the land of Shalim, and there they were not: and he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they found them not.

5 And when they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant that was with him, Come, and let us return; lest my father leave caring for the asses, and take thought for us.

6 And he said unto him, Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is an honourable man; all that he saith, cometh surely to passe: now let us go thither; peradventure he can shew us our way that we should go.

7 Then said Saul to his servant, But behold, if we go, what shall we bring the man? for the bread is spent in our vessels, and there is not a present to bring to the man of God: what have we?

8 And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver, that will I give to the man of God: so tell us our way.

9 (Before time in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake) Come, and let us go to the Seer: for he is now called a prophet, was before time called a Seer.)

10 Then said Saul to his servant, well it is, come, let us go: so they went unto the city where the man of God was.

11 ¶ And as they went up the hill to the city, they found young maidens going out to draw water, and said unto them, is the seer here?

12 And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, he is before you: make haste now, for he came to day to the city: for there is a sacrifice of the people to day in the high place.

13 As soon as ye be come into the city, ye shall straightway finde him, before he go up to the high place to eat: for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth bless the sacrifice, and afterwards they eat that he bidden. Now therefore get you up, for about this time ye shall finde him.

14 And they went up into the city: and when they were come into the city, behold, Samuel came out against them, for to go up to the high place.

15 ¶ Now the Lord had told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying,

16 To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin; and thou shalt anoint him to be captain over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me.

17 And when Samuel saw Saul, the Lord said unto him, Behold the man whom I spake to thee of, this same shall reign over my people.

18 Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seers house is.

19 And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I am the seer: go up before me unto the high place, for ye shall eat with me to day; and to morrow I will let thee go: & will tell thee all that is in thine heart.

20 And as for thine asses that were lost three dayes ago, let not thy minde on them, for they are found; and on whom was all the desire of Israel? is it not on thee, and on all thy fathers house?

21 And Saul answered and said, Am not I a Benjaminite of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? & my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest thou to me so?

22 And Samuel took Saul, and his servant, and brought them into the parlour, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, which were about thirty persons.

23 And Samuel said unto the cook, Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, set it by thee.

24 And the cook took up the shoulder, and that which was upon it, and set it before Saul: and Samuel said, Behold, y which is left, set it before thee, and eat: for unto this time hath it been kept for thee, since I said, I have invited the people: so Saul did eat with Samuel y day.

25 ¶ And when they were come down from the high place into the city, Samuel communed with Saul upon the top of the house.

26 And they arose early, and it came to

pass about the spring of the day, that Samuel called Saul to the top of the house, saying, Up, that I may send thee away. And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad.

27 And as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant to passe on before us, (and be passed on) but stand thou still a while, that I may shew thee the word of God.

CHAP. X.

1 Samuel anoints Saul. 9 Sauls heart is changed, and he prophesieth. 17 He is chosen as Michah by lot.

Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him; and said, Is it not because the LORD hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance?

2 When thou art departed from me to day, then thou shalt finde two men by Rachels sepulchre in the border of Benjamin, at Zelzah: and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found: & lo, thy father hath left the care of the asses, and sorroweth for you, saying, what shall I do for my son?

3 Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tabor; and there shall meet thee three men going up to God to Beth-el; one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine.

4 And they will salute thee, and give thee two loaves of bread, which thou shalt receive of their hands.

5 After that, thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to passe when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place, with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp before them, and they shall prophesie.

6 And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesie with them, and shalt be turned into another man.

7 And let it be when these signes are come unto thee, that thou do as occasion shall serve thee, for God is with thee.

8 And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal, and behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt-offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace-offerings: seven dayes shalt thou tarrie, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt do.

9 ¶ And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signes came to passe that day.

10 And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him, and the spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them.

11 And it came to passe when all that knew him before-time, saw that behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to another, what is this that is come unto the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?

12 And one of the same place answered and said, But who is their father? therefore

fore it became a proverb, *Is Saul also among the prophets?*

13 And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place.

14 ¶ And Sauls uncle said unto him, & to his servant, Whither went ye? And he said, To seek the asses: & when we saw *they were no where*, we came to Samuel.

15 And Sauls uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto you.

16 And Saul said unto his uncle, He told us plainly that *ys asses were found*. But of the matter of *y kingdom*, whereof Samuel spake, he told him not.

17 ¶ And Samuel called the people together unto the LORD to Mizpeh;

18 And said unto *y children of Israel*, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, & out of the hand of all kingdoms, and of them that oppressed you.

19 And ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, *Nay*, but set a king over us. Now therefore present your selves before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands.

20 And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken.

21 When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken; and Saul the son of Kish was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found.

22 Therefore they enquired of the LORD further, if *y man should yet come thither*; & the LORD answered, Behold, he hath hid himself among the stuff.

23 And they ran and fetched him thence; and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people, from the shoulders and upward.

24 And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen, that *there is none like him among all the people*; and all the people shouted, and said, God save the king.

25 Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before the LORD; and Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

26 ¶ And Saul also went home to Gibeah, & there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched.

27 But the children of Belial said, How shall this man save us? and they despised him, and brought him no presents: but he held his peace.

CHAP. XI.

1 *Nabalh offereth them of Jabelh-gilead a reproachfull condition.* 4 *They send messengers to Saul, and are delivered.*

Then Nabalh the Ammonite came up, and encamped against Jabelh-gilead: and all the men of Jabelh said unto Nabalh, Make a covenant with us, and we will serve thee.

2 And Nabalh the Ammonite answered them, On this condition will I make a covenant with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it for a reproach upon all Israel.

3 And the elders of Jabelh said unto him, Give us seven dayes respite, that we may send messengers unto all the coasts of Israel: and then if *there be no man to save us*, we will come out to thee.

4 ¶ Then came the messengers to Gibeah of Saul, and told the tidings in the ears of the people: and all the people lift up their voices, and wept.

5 And behold, Saul came after the herd out of the field, and Saul said, What aileth the people that they weep? and they told him the tidings of the men of Jabelh.

6 And the spirit of God came upon Saul, when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly.

7 And he took a yoke of oxen, and bewet them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the coasts of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen: and the fear of the LORD fell on the people: and they came out with one consent.

8 And when he numbered them in Bezek, the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand.

9 And they said unto the messengers *y came*, Thus shall ye say unto the men of Jabelh-gilead, To morrow by *that time* the sun be hot, ye shall have help. And the messengers came and shewed it to the men of Jabelh, and they were glad.

10 Therefore the men of Jabelh said, to morrow we will come out unto you, and ye shall do with us all that seemeth good unto you.

11 And it was soon the morrow, that Saul put the people in three companies, and they came into the midst of the host in the morning a watch, and slew the Ammonites, until the heat of the day: and it came to passe, that they which remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.

12 ¶ And the people said unto Samuel, who *is he* that said, Shall Saul reign over us? Bring the men, that we may put them to death.

13 And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day: for to day the LORD hath wrought salvation in Israel.

14 Then said Samuel to the people, Come and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there.

15 And all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal: and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace-offerings before the LORD: and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

CHAP. XII.

1 *Samuel rebuying his integrity, 6 reproveth the people of ingratitude.*

16 *He testifieth them with thunder.* 20 *He comforteth them in Gods mercy.*

And Samuel said unto all Israel, Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a king over you.

2 And now behold, the king walketh before you: and I am old, and gray-headed, and behold, my sons are

me; and I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day.

3 Behold, here I am, witness against me before the LORD, and before his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received any bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you.

4 And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken ought of any mans hand.

5 And he said unto them, The LORD is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that ye have not found ought in my hand. And they answered, He is witness.

6 ¶ And Samuel said unto the people, Is it the LORD that advanced Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt.

7 Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before the LORD, of all the righteous acts of the LORD, which he did to you and to your fathers.

8 When Jacob was come into Egypt, and your fathers cried unto the LORD, then the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, which brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, & made them dwell in this place.

9 And when they forgot the LORD their God, he sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them.

10 And they cried unto the LORD, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD, and have served Baalim and Astartim: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee.

11 And the LORD sent Jermibael, and Bedan, & Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye dwelled safe.

12 And when ye saw that Nabash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, Nay, but a king shall reign over us; when the LORD your God was your king.

13 Now therefore, behold the king whom ye have chosen, and whom ye have desired: and behold, the LORD hath set a king over you.

14 If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall both ye, and also the king that reigneth over you, continue following the LORD your God.

15 But if ye will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, as it was against your fathers.

16 ¶ Now therefore stand and see this great thing which the LORD will do before your eyes.

17 Is it not wheat-harvest to day? I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and rain: that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness is great, which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in making you a king.

18 So Samuel called unto the LORD, and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day; and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel.

19 And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins, this evil, to ask us a king.

20 ¶ And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: (ye have done all this wickedness, yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart:

21 And turn ye not aside, for then should ye go after vain things, which cannot profit nor deliver, for they are vain)

22 For the LORD will not forsake his people, for his great names sake; because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people.

23 Moreover, as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD, in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way.

24 Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.

25 But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye & your king.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Sauls selected band. 5 The Philistines great host. 6 The Israelites distress.

8 Saul weary of flying for Samuel, sacrificeth. 11 Samuel reprovet him. Saul reigned one year, and when he had reigned two years over Israel,

2 Saul chose him three thousand men of Israel; whereof two thousand were w Saul in Michmash and in mount Beth-el, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent.

3 And Jonathan smote the garrison of the Philistines that was in Gaba, and the Philistines heard of it; and Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear.

4 And all Israel heard say, that Saul had smitten a garrison of the Philistines, and that Israel also was had in abomination with the Philistines; and the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal.

5 ¶ And the Philistines gathered themselves together, to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the land which is on the sea-shore in multitude: and they came up, and pitched in Michmash, eastward from Beth-aven.

6 When 7 men of Israel saw that they were in a strait, (for the people were distressed) then the people did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits.

7 And some of the Hebrews went over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead: as for Saul, he was yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

8 ¶ And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel had appointed: but Samuel came not to Gilgal, & the people were scattered from him.

9 And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt-offering to me, and peace-offerings. And he offered the burnt-offering.

10 And it came to passe, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt-offering, behold, Samuel came, and Saul went out to meet him; that he might salute him.

11 ¶ And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the dayes appointed, & that the Philistines gathered themselves together to Michmash;

12 Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal; and I have not made supplication unto the LORD: I forced my self therefore, and offered a burnt-offering.

13 And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever.

14 But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath fought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept *that* which the LORD commanded thee.

15 And Samuel arose, and gat him up from Gilgal, unto Gibeath of Benjamin; & Saul numbered the people that were present with him, about six hundred men.

16 And Saul and Jonathan his son, and the people that were present with them, abode in Gibeath of Benjamin; but the Philistines encamped in Michmash.

17 ¶ And the spoilers came out of the camp of the Philistines, in three companies: one company turned unto the way that leadeth to Ophrah, unto the land of Shual.

18 And another company turned the way to Beth-horon; and another company turned to the way of the border, that looketh to the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.

19 ¶ Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel; (for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make them swords or spears)

20 But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his share and his coulter, and his ax, and his mattock.

21 Yet they had a file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and to sharpen the goods.

22 So it came to passe in the day of battel, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that were with Saul and Jonathan; but with Saul and with Jonathan his son was there found.

23 And the garison of the Philistines went out to the passage of Michmash.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Jonathan miraculously smite the Philistines garison. 15 A divine terror maketh them beat themselves.

24 Sauls undervalued asjuration bindeth the victory.

Now it came to passe upon a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over to the Philistines garison, that is on the other side; but he told not his father.

2 And Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gibeath, upon a pomegranate-tree, which is in Migron: and the people that were with him were about six hundred men;

3 And Abiah the son of Ahitub, the high-priest, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the LORDS priest in Shiloh, wearing an ephod; and the people knew not that Jonathan was gone.

4 ¶ And between 7 passages, by which Jonathan sought to go over unto the Philistines garison, there was a sharp rock on the one side, and a sharp rock on the other side: and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.

5 The forefront of the one was first: and north-ward over against Michmash, and the other south-ward over against Gibeath.

6 And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, & let us go over unto the garison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint in the LORD, to save by many or by few.

7 And his armour-bearer said unto him, Do all that is in thine heart: run thee, behold, I am with thee according to thy heart.

8 Then said Jonathan, Behold we will passe over unto these men, and we will discover our selves unto them.

9 If they say thus unto us, Tarry until we come to you: then we will stand still in our place, & will not go up unto them.

10 But if they say thus, Come up unto us; then we will go up: for the LORD hath delivered them into our hands; and this shall be a signe unto us.

11 And both of them discovered themselves unto the garison of the Philistines; and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes, where they had hid themselves.

12 And the men of the garison answered Jonathan and his armour-bearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will shew you a thing. And Jonathan said unto his armour-bearer, Come up after me; for the LORD hath delivered them into the hand of Israel.

13 And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands, & upon his feet, and his armour-bearer after him; & they fell before Jonathan; & his armour-bearer slew after him.

14 And that first slaughter which Jonathan and his armour-bearer made, was about twenty men; within as it was an half-acre of land, which a yoke of oxen might plow.

15 And there was trembling in the host, in the field, and among all the people; the garison, and the spoilers, they also trembled; and the earth quaked: so it was a very great trembling.

16 And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeath of Benjamin looked; and behold, the multitude melted away, and they went on beating down one another.

17 Then said Saul unto the people that were with him, Number now, and see who is gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armour-bearer were not there.

1 And Saul said unto Abiah, Bring him the ark of God: (for the ark of God was at y time & the children of Israel.)

19 ¶ And it came to passe while Saul talked with the priest, that the noise that was in the host of the Philistines went on, and increased: and Saul said unto the priest, withdraw thine hand.

20 And Saul and all the people that were with him, assembled themselves, and they came to the barrel: & behold, every mans sword was against his fellow, & there was a very great discomfiture.

21 Moreover, the Hebrews that were with the Philistines before that time, which went up with them into the camp from the country round about, even they also turned to be with the Israelites, that were with Saul and Jonathan.

22 Likewise all the men of Israel which had hid themselves in mount Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battel.

23 So the Lord saved Israel that day: and y battel passed over unto Beth-aven.

24 ¶ And the men of Israel were distressed that day: for Saul had adjured the people, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food untill evening, that I may be avenged on mine enemies: so none of the people tasted any food.

25 And all they of the land came to a wood, and there was honey upon the ground.

26 And when the people were come into the wood, behold, the honey dropped; but no man put his hand to his mouth: for the people feared the oath.

27 But Jonathan heard, nor when his father charged y people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, and dipped it in an honey-comb, and put his hand to his mouth: and his eyes were enlightened.

28 Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food this day. And the people were faint.

29 Then said Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey:

30 How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to day of the spoil of their enemies which they found? for had there not been now a much greater slaughter among the Philistines?

31 And they smote the Philistines that day from Michmash to Ajalon: and the people were very faint.

32 And the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew them on the ground: and the people did eat them with the blood.

33 ¶ Then they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people sin against the LORD, in that they eat with the blood. And he said, Ye have transgressed: roll a great stone unto me this day.

34 And Saul said, Disperse your selves among the people, and say unto them, Bring me higher every man his ox, and every man his sheep, and slay them here, and eat; and sin not against the LORD

in eating with the blood. And all the people brought every man his ox with him that night, and slew them there.

35 And Saul built an altar unto the LORD: the same was the first altar that he built unto the LORD.

36 ¶ And Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night, and spoil them untill the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatsover seemeth good unto thee. Then said the priest, Let us draw near hither unto God.

37 And Saul asked counsel of God, Shall I go down after y Philistines? will thou deliver them into the hand of Israel? But he answered him not that day.

38 And Saul said, Draw ye near hither all the chief of the people: & know and see wherein this sin hath been this day.

39 For as the LORD liveth, which saveth Israel, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die. But there was not a man among all the people that answered him.

40 Then said he unto all Israel, Be ye on one side, & I & Jonathan my son will be on y other side. And the people said unto Saul, Do what seemeth good unto thee.

41 Therefore Saul said unto the Lord God of Israel, Give a perfect lot. And Saul and Jonathan were taken: but the people escaped.

42 And Saul said, Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan was taken.

43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jonathan told him, and said, I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in mine hand, and lo, I must die.

44 And Saul answered, God do so, & more also: for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan.

45 And the people said unto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel? God forbid: as the Lord liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to y ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan that he died not.

46 Then Saul went up from following the Philistines: and the Philistines went to their own place.

47 ¶ So Saul took y kingdom over Israel, & sought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom; and against the kings of Zobah; and against the Philistines: and whithersoever he turned himself, he vexed them.

48 And he gathered an host, and smote the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of them that spoiled them.

49 Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishui, and Melchishua: and the names of his two daughters were these; the name of the first-born Merab, and the name of the younger Michal:

50 And the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz; and the name of the captain of his host as Abner the son of Ner, Saul's uncle.

51 And Kish was the father of Saul; and Ner the father of Abner was the son of Abiel.

52 And there was sore war against the Philistines.

Saul smiteth the Amalekites. I. Samuel.

Samuel killeth Agag.

Polishines all the dayes of Saul: and when Saul saw any strong man, or any valiant man, he took him unto him.

C H A P. XV.

1 Samuel sendeth Saul to destroy Amalek. 8 He spareth Agag and the best of the spoil. 32 Samuel killeth Agag.

SAMUEL also said unto Saul, The LORD sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people; over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD.

2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way when he came up from Egypt.

3 Now go, and smite Amalek, & utterly destroy all that they have, & spare them not; but slay both man & woman, infant & suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.

4 And Saul gathered the people together, and numbered them in Telsaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah.

5 And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and laid wait in the valley.

6 ¶ And Saul said unto the Kenites, Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them; for ye shewed kindnesse to all the children of Israel when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

7 And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah, until thou comest to Shur, that is over against Egypt.

8 And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, & utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

9 But Saul and the people spared Agag, & the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the farlings, and the lambs, & all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them; but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

10 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying,

11 It repenteth me, *if* I have set up Saul to be king, for he is turned back from following me, & hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night.

12 And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, & behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal.

13 And Samuel came to Saul; and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD.

14 And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, & the lowing of the oxen which I hear?

15 And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for *if* people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God, and the rest we have utterly destroyed.

16 Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on.

17 And Samuel said, When thou wast little in thine own sight, *wasst* thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, &

if the LORD anointed thee king over Israel?

18 And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go, and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed.

19 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst slip upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD?

20 And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

21 But *if* people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto *if* the LORD thy God in Gilgal.

22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt-offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice: and to hearken, then the fat of rams.

23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornnesse is as iniquity and idolatry: because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

24 ¶ And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

25 Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD.

26 And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel.

27 And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent.

28 And Samuel said unto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, & hath given it to a neighbour of thine, *that is* better than thou.

29 And also the strength of Israel will not lie, nor repent: for he is not a man that he should repent.

30 Then he said, I have sinned; yet honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God.

31 So Samuel turned again after Saul, and Saul worshipped the LORD.

32 ¶ Then said Samuel, Bring you hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites: and Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past.

33 And Samuel said, As thy sword hath made women childlesse, so shall thy mother be childlesse among women. And Samuel bowed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.

34 ¶ Then Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went up to his house to Gibeath of Saul.

35 And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless, Samuel mourned for Saul; and

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the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

C H A P. XVI.

1 Samuel sent by God, 11 anointeth David. 19 Saul sendeth for David to quiet his evil spirit.

AND the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill thine horn with oil, and go; I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

2 And Samuel said, How can I go? If Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD:

3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee.

4 And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Beth-lehem: and the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?

5 And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctifie your selves, and come with me to the sacrifice: and he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

6 ¶ And it came to passe when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORDS anointed is before him.

7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, & made him passe before Samuel: and he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

9 Then Jesse made Shammah to passe by: and he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to passe before Samuel, & Samuel said unto Jesse, the LORD hath not chosen these.

11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are there altho childre? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, & behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

12 And he sent, and brought him in: now he was ruddy, and withall of a beautifull countenance, and goodly to look to: and the LORD said, Arise; anoint him: for this is he.

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, & anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the spirit of the LORD came upon David, from that day forward: so Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

14 ¶ But the spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.

15 And Sauls servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee.

16 Let our Lord now command thy servants which are before thee, to seek out a man who is a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to passe when

the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.

17 And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me.

18 Then answered one of the servants, & said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Beth-lehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mightie valiant man, & a man of war, and prudent in matters, & a comely person, and y LORD is with him.

19 ¶ Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy son, which is with the sheep.

20 And Jesse took an ass laden with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, & sent them by David his son unto Saul.

21 And David came to Saul, and stood before him; and he loved him greatly, and he became his armour-bearer.

22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me: for he hath found favour in my sight.

23 And it came to passe, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, & played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, & was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

C H A P. XVII.

1 The armies of the Israelites and Philistines being ready to battel, a Goliath maketh a proud challenge. 12 David sent to visit his brethren, 38 slayeth the giant.

NOW the Philistines gathered together their armies to battel, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which belongeth to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh & Azekah, in Ephes-dammim.

2 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battel in aray against the Philistines.

3 And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side: and there was a valley between them.

4 ¶ And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

5 And he had an helmet of brass upon his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail: and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brass.

6 And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders.

7 And the staff of his spear was like a weavers beam, and his spears head weighed six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield, went before him.

8 And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battel in aray? am not I a Philistine, and you servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me.

9 If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, & kill him, then shall ye be our servants, & serve us.

10 And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day: give me a man, that we may fight together.

Goliath's challenge.

I. Samuel.

David's faith and courage.

- 11 When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.
- 12 ¶ Now David was the son of that Ephraimite of Beth-lehem-judah, whose name was Jesse, and he had eight sons: and the man was among men for an old man in the days of Saul.
- 13 And the three eldest sons of Jesse went, and followed Saul to the barrack: and the names of his three sons that went to the barrack, were Eliab the first-born, and next unto him, Abinadab, and the third, Shammah.
- 14 And David was the youngest: and the three eldest followed Saul.
- 15 But David went, and returned from Saul, to feed his father's sheep at Beth-lehem.
- 16 And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.
- 17 And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corn, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to thy brethren.
- 18 And carry these ten cheeses unto thy captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge.
- 19 Now Saul, and they and all the men of Israel were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.
- 20 ¶ And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the barrack.
- 21 For Israel & the Philistines had put the barrack in array, army against army.
- 22 And David left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and saluted his brethren.
- 23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion (the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name) out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words; and David heard them.
- 24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid.
- 25 And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel.
- 26 And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, what shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?
- 27 And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him.
- 28 ¶ And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men, and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down, that thou mightest see the barrack.
- 29 And David said, what have I now done? Is there not a cause?
- 30 ¶ And he turned from him towards another, and spake after the same manner; and the people answered him again after the former manner.
- 31 And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before Saul: and he sent for him.
- 32 ¶ And David said to Saul: Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.
- 33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine, to fight with him; for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.
- 34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:
- 35 And I went out after him, and smote him; and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.
- 36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.
- 37 David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.
- 38 And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head, also he armed him with a coat of mail.
- 39 And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go, for he had not proved it: & David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him.
- 40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip, and his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.
- 41 And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David, and the man that bare the shield went before him.
- 42 And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and rudely, and of a fair countenance.
- 43 And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with slaves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.
- 44 And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thee flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.
- 45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield; but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.
- 46 This day will the LORD deliver thee into

into mine hand, and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee, & I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, & to y^e wilde beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saved not with sword and spear: for the battell is the LORDS, and he will give you into our hands.

48 And it came to passe when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hastned, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slaug it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

50 So David prevailed over y^e Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David.

51 Therefore David ran and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.

52 And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, untill thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron: and the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shazaim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron.

53 And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their tents.

54 And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent.

55 ¶ And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said unto Abner the captain of the host, Abner, whose son is this youth? And Abner said, As thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell.

56 And the king said, Enquire thou whose son the stripling is.

57 And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philistine in his hand.

58 And Saul said to him, whose son art thou, ~~young~~ young man? and David answered, I am the son of thy servant Jesse the Beth lehemite.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *Jonathans love to David. 5 Saul envieth his praise, 10 seeketh to kill him, 17 offereth him his daughter. 28 Sauls hatred, and Davids glory increased.*

And it came to passe when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as own soul.

2 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his fathers house.

3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

4 And Jonathan stript himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his

sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

5 ¶ And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely; and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Sauls servants.

6 And it came to passe as they came when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of musick.

7 And the women answered one another as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.

8 And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom?

9 And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

10 ¶ And it came to passe on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times; and there was a javelin in Sauls hand.

11 And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it: and David avoided out of his presence twice.

12 ¶ And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul.

13 Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.

14 And David behaved himself wisely in all his wayes; and the LORD was with him.

15 Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him.

16 But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

17 ¶ And Saul said to David, Behold, my elder daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife: onely be thou valiant for me, and fight the LORDS battels: for Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him.

18 And David said unto Saul, who am I? and what is my life, or my fathers family in Israel, that I should be son in law to the king?

19 But it came to passe at the time when Merab Sauls daughter should have been given to David, that she was given unto Adriel the Meholathite to wife.

20 And Michal Sauls daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.

21 And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my son in law, in the one of the twain.

22 ¶ And Saul commanded his servants,

saying, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the kings son in law.

23 And Sauls servants spake those words in the ears of David: and David said, Seemeth it to you a light thing to be a kings son in law, seeing that I am a poor man, and lightly esteemed?

24 And the servants of Saul told him, saying, on this manner spake David.

25 And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any dowry; but an hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the kings enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.

26 And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the kings son in law: and the dayes were not expired.

27 Wherefore David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the kings son in law: and Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife.

28 ¶ And Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and that Michal Sauls daughter loved him.

29 And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became Davids enemy continually.

30 Then the princes of the Philistines went forth; & it came to passe after they went forth, that David behaved himself more wisely then all the servants of Saul, so that his name was much set by.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Jonathan discovereth his fathers purpose. 12 Michal deceiveth her father with an image. 20 Sauls messengers sent to take David, 22 and Saul himself prophesie.

And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David.

2 But Jonathan Sauls son delighted much in David: & Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thy self until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thy self.

3 And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.

4 ¶ And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David: because he hath not sinned against me, and because his works have been to thee-ward very good.

5 For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest it, and didst rejoyce; wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?

6 And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, As the LORD liveth, he shall not be slain.

7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him all those things: and Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past.

8 And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from him.

9 And the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with his hand.

10 And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin; but he slipped away out of Sauls presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night.

11 Saul also sent messengers unto Davids house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal Davids wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slain.

12 ¶ So Michal let David down through a window: and he went and fled, and escaped.

13 And Michal took an image, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats hair for his bolster, and covered it with a cloth.

14 And when Saul sent messengers to take David, the said, He is sick.

15 And Saul sent the messengers again to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him.

16 And when the messengers were come in, behold, there was an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats hair for his bolster.

17 And Saul said unto Michal, why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee?

18 ¶ So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him: and he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth.

19 And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah.

20 And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.

21 And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise: and Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also.

22 Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that is in Secu: and he asked and said, where are Samuel and David? And one said, Behold, they be at Naioth in Ramah.

23 And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah:

24 And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day, and all that night: wherefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?

CHAP. XX.

1 David consulteth with Jonathan for his safety. 11 Their covenant renewed by oath. 24 Saul missing David, seeketh to kill Jonathan.

And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan

than; what have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life?

2 And he said unto him, God forbid: thou shalt not die: behold, my father will do nothing either great or small, but that he will shew it me: and why should my father hide this thing from me? it is not so.

3 And David sware moreover, and said, Thy father certainly knoweth that I have found grace in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death.

4 Then said Jonathan unto David, whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will even do it for thee.

5 And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, to morrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with γ king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide my self in the fields unto the third day at even.

6 If thy father at all misse me, then say, David earnestly asked leave of me, that he might run to Beth-lehem his citie: for there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family.

7 If he say thus, It is well; thy servant shall have peace: but if he be very wroth, then be sure that evil is determined by him.

8 Therefore thou shalt deal kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant into a covenant of the LORD with thee: notwithstanding, if there be in me iniquity, slay me thy self; for why shouldst thou bring me to thy father?

9 And Jonathan said, Far be it from thee: for if I knew certainly, that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee?

10 Then said David to Jonathan, who shall tell me? or what if thy father answer thee roughly?

11 ¶ And Jonathan said unto David, Come, & let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field.

12 And Jonathan said unto David, O LORD God of Israel, when I have sounded my father, about to morrow any time, on the third day, and behold, if there be good toward David, and I then send not unto thee, and shew it thee;

13 The LORD do so and much more to Jonathan: but if it please my father to do thee evil, then I will shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and the LORD be with thee, as he hath been with my father.

14 And thou shalt not only while yet I live, shew me the kindness of the LORD, that I die not:

15 But also thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever: no not when the LORD hath cut off the enemies of David, every one from the face of the earth.

16 So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, Let the LORD even require it at the hand of Davids enemies.

17 And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

18 Then Jonathan said to David, To

morrow is the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty.

19 And when thou hast stayed three dayes, then thou shalt go down quickly, & come to the place where thou didst hide thy self, when the businesse was in hand, and shalt remain by the stone Ezel.

20 And I will shoot three arrows on the side of weest, as though I shot at a mark.

21 And behold, I will send a lad, saying, Go, finde out the arrows. If I expressly say unto the lad, Behold, the arrows are on this side of thee, take them: then come thou, for there is peace to thee, and no hurt; as the LORD liveth.

22 But if I say thus unto the young man, Behold, the arrows are beyond thee: go thy way, for the LORD hath sent thee away.

23 And as touching the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, the LORD be between thee and me for ever.

24 ¶ So David hid himself in the field; and when the new moon was come, the king sat him down to eat meat.

25 And the king sat upon his seat, as at other times, even upon a seat by the wall: and Jonathan arose, and Abner sat by Sauls side, and Davids place was empty.

26 Nevertheless, Saul spake not any thing that day: for he thought, Some thing hath befallen him, he is not clean: surely he is not clean.

27 And it came to passe on the morrow, which was the second day of the moneth, that Davids place was empty: and Saul said unto Jonathan his son, wherefore comest not the son of Jesse to meate neither yesterday nor to day?

28 And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked leave of me, to go to Beth-lehem.

29 And he said, Let me go, I pray thee, for our family hath a sacrifice in γ city, and my brother, he hath commanded me to be there; and now if I have found favour in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and for my brethren: Therefore he cometh not unto the kings table.

30 Then Sauls anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of the perverse rebellious woman, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mothers nakednesse?

31 For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom: wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die.

32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done?

33 And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him, whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David.

34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the moneth: for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.

35 ¶ And it came to passe in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him.

36 And he said unto his lad, Run, finde

put now the arrows which I shoot. And as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.

37 And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, Is not the arrow beyond thee?

38 And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master.

39 But the lad knew not any thing: only Jonathan and David knew the matter.

40 And Jonathan gave his argillerie unto his lad, and said unto him, Go, carrie them to the citie.

41 ¶ And assoon as the lad was gone, David arose out of a place toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded.

42 And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the citie.

CHAP. XXI.

1 David at Nob obtaineth of Ahimelech hallowed bread. 7 Döeg was present.

8 David taketh Goliath's sword. 10 David at Gath feigneth himself mad.

Then came David to Nob, to Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto him, Why art thou alone, and no man with thee?

2 And David said unto Ahimelech the priest, The king hath commanded me a businesse, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing of the businesse whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed my servants to such and such a place.

3 Now therefore what is under thine hand? give me five loaves of bread in mine hand, or what there is present.

4 And the priest answered David, and said, There is no common bread under mine hand, but there is hallowed bread; if the young men have kept themselves at least from women.

5 And David answered the priest, and said unto him, Of a truth, women have been kept from us about these three dayes, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and the bread is in a manner common, yea though it were sanctified this day in the vessel.

6 So the priest gave him hallowed bread; for there was no bread there, but the shew-bread that was taken from before the LORD, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.

7 Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the LORD; and his name was Döeg an Edomite, the chiefest of the herdmen that belonged to Saul.

8 ¶ And David said unto Ahimelech, And is there not here under thine hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword, nor my weapons with me, because the king's businesse required haste.

9 And the priest said, The sword of

Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapt in a cloth behinde the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take it: for there is no other save that, here. And David said, There is none like that, give it me.

10 ¶ And David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath.

11 And the servants of Achish said unto him, Is not this David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

12 And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath.

13 And he changed his behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scumbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard.

14 Then said Achish unto his servants, Lo, you see the man is mad: wherefore then have ye brought him to me?

15 Have I need of mad-men, that ye have brought this fellow to play the mad-man in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?

CHAP. XXII.

1 Companies resort unto David at Adullam. 9 Döeg accuseth Ahimelech.

11 Saul commanded to kill the priests.

David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren, and all his fathers house heard it, they went down thither to him.

2 And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him, and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.

3 ¶ And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said unto the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, and be with you, till I know what God will do for me.

4 And he brought them before the king of Moab: and they dwell with him all the while that David was in the hold.

5 ¶ And the prophet Gad said unto David, Abide not in the hold, depart, and get thee into the land of Judah. Then David departed, and came into the forch of Hareth.

6 ¶ When Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men that were with him, (now Saul abode in Gibeah under a tree in Ramah having his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing about him)

7 Then Saul said unto his servants that stood about him, Hear now, ye Benjamites, will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields, and vineyards, and make you all captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds:

8 That all of you have conspired against me, and there is none that sheweth me that my son hath made a league with the son of Jesse, and there is none of you that is sorry for me, or sheweth unto me that my son hath stirred up my servants against me to lie in wait, as at this day?

9 ¶ Then answered Döeg the Edomite,

(which

(which was set over the servants of Saul) and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub.

10 And he enquired of the LORD for him: and gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.

11 Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest the son of Ahitub, & all his fathers house, the priests that were in Nob: and they came all of them to the king.

12 And Saul said, Hear now thou son of Ahitub: and he answered, Here I am, my lord.

13 And Saul said unto him, why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast enquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?

14 Then Ahimelech answered the king and said, And who is so faithfull among all thy servants, as David, which is the kings son in law, and goeth at thy bidding, and is honourable in thine house?

15 Did I then begin to enquire of God for him? be it far from me: let not the king impute any thing unto his servant, nor to all the house of my father: for thy servant knew nothing of all this, lesse or more.

16 And the king said, Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all thy fathers house.

17 ¶ And the king said unto the fourmen that stood about him, turn and slay the priests of the LORD; because their hand also is with David, and because they knew when he fled, and did not shew it to me. But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of the LORD.

18 And y king said to Doeg, Turn thou and fall upon the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and he fell upon the priests, and slew on that day fourscore and five persons: did wear a linnen ephod.

19 And Nob, the city of the priests, smote he with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword.

20 ¶ And one of the sons of Ahimelech, the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped and fled after David.

21 And Abiathar shewed David, that Saul had slain the LORDS priests.

22 And David said unto Abiathar, I knew it that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul: I have occasioned the death of all the persons of thy fathers house.

23 Abide thou with me, fear not: for he that seeketh my life, seeketh thy life: but with me thou shalt be in safeguard.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 David enquiring of the Lord, & scorth Keilah: God shewing him Sauls coming, and the treachery of the Keilites, he escaped from Keilah.

Then they to'd David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshing-floors.

2 Therefore David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the LORD said unto David, Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah.

3 And Davids men said unto him, Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?

4 Then David enquired of the LORD yet again: and the LORD answered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah: for I will deliver the Philistines into thine hand.

5 So David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattel, and smote them with a great slaughter: so David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

6 And it came to passe when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David to Keilah, that he came down with an ephod in his hand.

7 ¶ And it was told Saul that David was come to Keilah: and Saul said, God hath delivered him into mine hand: for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath gates and bars.

8 And Saul called all the people together to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men.

9 ¶ And David knew that Saul secretly practised mischief against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest, Bring hither the ephod.

10 Then said David, O LORD God of Israel, thy servant hath certainly heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake.

11 Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down to thy servant hath heard? O LORD God of Israel, I beseech thee tell thy servant. And the LORD said, He will come down.

12 Then said David, Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? and the LORD said, They will deliver thee up.

13 ¶ Then David and his men, which were about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went whithersoever they could go: and it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah, and he forbore to go forth.

14 And David abode in the wilderness in strong holds, and remained in a mountain in the wilderness of Ziph: and Saul sought him every day, but God delivered him nor into his hand.

15 And David saw, that Saul was come out to seek his life: and David was in the wilderness of Ziph in a wood.

16 And Jonathan Sauls son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God.

17 And he said unto him, Fear not: for the hand of Saul my father shall not finde thee, and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father knoweth.

18 And they two made a covenant before the LORD: and David abode in the woods, and Jonathan went to his house.

19 ¶ Then came up the Ziphites to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself with us in strong holds in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which is on the south of Jeshimon?

20 Now therefore, O king, come down according to all the desire of thy soul to come down, and our part shall be to deliver him into the kings hand.

21 And Saul said, Blessed be ye of the LORD; for ye have compassion on me.

22 Go, I pray you, prepare yet, and know and see his place where his haunt is, and who hath seen him there: for it is told me that he dealeth very subtilly.

23 See therefore and take knowledge of all the lurking-places where he hideth himself, and come ye again to me with the certainty, and I will go with you: and it shall come to passe, if he be in the land, that I will search him out throughout all the thousands of Judah.

24 And they arose, and went to Ziph before Saul: but David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the plain on the south of Jeshimon.

25 Saul also and his men went to seek him; and they told David: wherefore he came down into a rock, and abode in the wilderness of Maon: and when Saul heard that, he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon.

26 And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain: and David made haste to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men compassed David and his men round about to take them.

27 ¶ But there came a messenger unto Saul, saying, Haste thee, and come; for the Philistines have invaded the land.

28 Wherefore Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines: therefore they called that place Sela-hammahlekoth.

29 ¶ And David went up from thence, and dwelt in strong holds at Engedi.

CHAP. XXIIII.

1 David in a cave at Engedi, cutting off Sauls skirts, spareth his life: shewing there by his innocencie. 16 Saul acknowledging his faults, departeth.

And it came to passe when Saul was returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi.

2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David, and his men upon the rocks of the wilde goats.

3 And he came to the sheep-coats by the way, where was a cave, and Saul went in to cover his feet: and David and his men remained in the sides of the cave.

4 And the men of David said unto him, Behold the day of which the LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Sauls robe privily.

5 And it came to passe afterward, that Davids heart smote him, because he had cut off Sauls skirt.

6 And he said unto his men, The LORD forbid, that I should do this thing unto my master: the LORD is anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD.

7 So David stayed his servants with these words, and suffered them not to rise against Saul: but Saul rose up out of the cave, and went on his way.

8 David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, and saying, My lord the king. And when

Saul looked behinde him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed himself.

9 ¶ And David said to Saul, wherefore hearest thou mens words, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt?

10 Behold, this day thine eyes have seen, how that the LORD had delivered thee to day into mine hand in the cave: and some bade me kill thee, but I spared thee, and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he is the LORDS anointed.

11 Moreover, my father, see, yea see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not; know thou and see, that there is neither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned against thee; yet thou huntest my soul, to take it.

12 The LORD judge between me and thee, and the LORD avenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.

13 As saith the proverb of the ancients, wickedness proceedeth from the wicked; but mine hand shall not be upon thee.

14 After whom is the king of Israel come out? after whom dost thou pursue? after a dead dog, after a flea.

15 The LORD therefore be judge, and judge between me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver me out of thine hand.

16 ¶ And it came to passe when David had made an end of speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, Is this thy voice, my son David? And Saul lift up his voice and wept.

17 And he said to David, Thou art more righteous then I: for thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil.

18 And thou hast shewed this day how I thou hast dealt well with me: forasmuch as when the LORD had delivered me into thine hand, thou killedst me not.

19 For if a man finde his enemy, will he let him go well away? wherefore the LORD reward thee good, for that thou hast done unto me this day.

20 And now behold, I know well that thou shalt surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in thine hand.

21 Swear now therefore unto me by the LORD, that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my fathers house.

22 And David sware unto Saul: and Saul went home; but David and his men gat them up unto the hold.

CHAP. XXV.

1 Samuels death. 2 David sendeth to Nabal; 10 Provoked by Nabals civillnesses, he intendeth to destroy him.

14 Abigail understanding thereof, 22 pacifieth David.

And Samuel died, and all the Israelites were gathered together and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose and went down to the wilderness of Paran.

2 And there was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel, and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.

3 Now the name of the man was Nabal, and the name of his wife, Abigail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautifull countenance: but the man was churlifh and evil in his doings, and he was of the houfe of Ca'eb.

4 ¶ And David heard in the wilderness, that Nabal did shear his sheep.

5 And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name:

6 And thus shall ye say to him that liveth in prosperitie, Peace be both to thee, and peace be to thine house, and peace be unto all that thou hast.

7 And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepherds which were with us, we hurt them not, neither was there ought missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel.

8 Ask thy young men, and they will shew thee: wherefore let the young men finde favour in thine eyes: (for we come in a good day) give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand, unto thy servants, and to thy son David.

9 And when Davids young men came, thy spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of Davids, and ceased.

10 ¶ And Nabal answered Davids servants and said, Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse? there be many servants now a dayes that break away every man from his master.

11 Shall I then take my bread and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give it unto men whom I know not whence they be?

12 So Davids young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him all those sayings.

13 And David said unto his men, Gird you on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword, and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men, and two hundred abode by the stuff.

14 ¶ But one of the young men told Abigail Nabals wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; & he railed on them.

15 But the men were very good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither missed we any thing as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields.

16 They were a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep.

17 Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do: for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he is such a son of Belial, that a man cannot speak to him.

18 ¶ Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched corn, and an hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on asses.

19 And she said unto her servants, Go on before me, behold, I come after you: but the told neither husband Nabal.

20 And it was so, as she rode on the ass, that she came down by the covert of

the hill, and behold, David and his men came down against her, and she met them.

21 (Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained unto him: and he hath required me evil for good.

22 So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of all that pertain to him by the morning light, any that pisseth against the wall.)

23 And when Abigail saw David, she halted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed her self to the ground.

24 And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, upon me let this iniquity be, and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid.

25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, even Nabal: for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send.

26 Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, seeing the LORD hath withholden thee from coming to shed blood, and from avenging thy self with thine own hand: now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal.

27 And now this blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that follow my lord.

28 I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid: for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house: because my lord fighteth the battels of the LORD, and evil hath not been found in thee all thy dayes.

29 Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, as out of the middle of a sling.

30 And it shall come to passe when the LORD shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler over Israel;

31 That this shall be no grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causelesse, or that my lord hath avenged himself: but when the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid.

32 ¶ And David said to Abigail, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me:

33 And blessed be thy advice, and blessed be thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to shed blood, and from avenging my self with mine own hand.

34 For in very deed, as the LORD God of Israel liveth, which hath kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadst halted and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabal, by the morning light, any that pisseth against the wall.

35 So David received of her hand that which

David spareth Saul :
which she had brought him, and said
unto her, Go up in peace to thine house ;
see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and
have accepted edthy person.

36 ¶ And Abigail came to Nabal; and
behold, he held a feast in his house, like
the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart was
merry within him, for he was very
drunken: wherefore she told him no-
thing, lesse or more, untill the morning
light.

37 But it came to passe in the morn-
ing, when the wine was gone out of Na-
bal, and his wife had told him these
things, that his heart died within him,
and he became as a stone.

38 And it came to passe about ten
dayes after, that the LORD smote Na-
bal, that he died.

39 ¶ And when David heard that Na-
bal was dead, he said, Blessed be the
LORD, that hath provided the cause of
my reproach from the hand of Nabal,
and hath kept his servant from evil: for
the LORD hath returned the wickednesse
of Nabal upon his own head. And David
sent and communed with Abigail, to take
her to him to wife.

40 And when the servants of David
were come to Abigail to Carmel, they
spake unto her, saying, David sent us
unto thee, to take thee to him to wife.

41 And she arose, and bowed her self
on her face to the earth, and said, Be-
hold, let thine handmaid be a servant to
wash the feet of the servants of my lord.

42 And Abigail hastened, & arose, & rode
upon an asse, with five damels of hers;
went after her; and she went after the
messengers of David, & became his wife.

43 David also took Ahinoam of Je-
reel, and they were also both of them his
wives.

44 ¶ But Saul had given Michal his
daughter, Davids wife, to Phalti the son
of Laith, which was of Gallim.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 Saul cometh against David. & David
slayeth Abishai from killing Saul, but
sareth his spear and cruse.

And the Ziphites came unto Saul to
Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide
himself in the hill of Hachilah which is
before Ieshimon?

2 Then Saul arose, and went down to
the wilderness of Ziph, having three
thousand chosen men of Israel with him,
to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.

3 And Saul pitched in the hill of Ha-
chilah, which is before Ieshimon by the
way; but David abode in the wilder-
nesse, and he saw that Saul came after
him into the wilderness.

4 David therefore sent out spies, & un-
derstood y^e Saul was come in very deed.

5 ¶ And David arose, and came to the
place where Saul had pitched: and Da-
vid beheld the place where Saul lay, and
Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his
host: and Saul lay in the trench, and the
people pitched round about him.

6 Then answered David and said to A-
himelech the Hittite, & to Abishai y^e son
of Zeruiah brother to Joab, saying, who
will go down with me to Saul to y^e camp?
And Abishai said, I will go down & thee.

So David and Abishai came to the

I. Samuel. He declareth his innocencie.

people by night, and behold, Saul lay
sleeping within the trench, and his spear
stuck in the ground at his bolster: but
Abner & the people lay round about him.

8 Then said Abishai to David, God
hath delivered thine enemy into thine
hand this day: now therefore let me
smite him, I pray thee, with my spear,
even to the earth at once, and I will not
smite him the second time.

9 And David said to Abishai, Destroy
him not: for who can stretch forth his
hand against the LORDS anointed, and
be guiltlesse?

10 David said furthermore, As the
LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite
him, or his day shall come to die, or he
shall descend into battell, and perish.

11 The LORD forbid that I should
stretch forth mine hand against the
LORDS anointed: but I pray thee, take
thou now the spear that is at his bolster,
and the cruse of water, and let us go.

12 So David took the spear and the
cruse of water from Sauls bolster, and
they gat them away, and no man saw us,
nor knew us, neither awaked: for they
were all asleep, because a deep sleep
from the LORD was fallen upon them.

13 ¶ Then David went over to the other
side, and stood on the top of an hill afar
off, (a great space being between them)

14 And David cried to the people, and
to Abner the son of Ner, saying, Answer-
est thou not, Abner? Then Abner answer-
ed and said, Who art thou that cryest to
the king?

15 And David said to Abner, Art not
thou a valiant man? and who is like to
thee in Israel? wherefore then hast thou
not kept thy lord the king? for these
came one of the people in to destroy the
king thy lord.

16 This thing is not good that thou
hast done: as the LORD liveth, ye are
worthy to die, because ye have not kept
your master the LORDS anointed: and
now see where the kings spear is, and the
cruse of water, that was at his bolster.

17 And Saul knew Davids voice, and
said, Is this thy voice, my son David?
And David said, It is my voice, my lords
O king.

18 And he said, wherefore doth my lord
thus pursue after his servant? for what
have I done? or what evil is in mine hand?

19 Now therefore, I pray thee, let my
lord the king hear the words of his ser-
vant: If the LORD have stirred thee up
against me, let him accept an offering:
but if they be the children of men, car-
sed be they before the LORD: for they
have driven me out this day from abid-
ing in the inheritance of the LORD,
saying, Go serve other gods.

20 Now therefore, let not my blood
fall to the earth before the face of the
LORD: for the king of Israel is come
out to seek a flea, as when one doth
hunt a partridge in the mountains.

21 ¶ Then said Saul, I have sinned: return,
my son David, for I will no more do thee
harm, because my soul was precious in
thine eyes this day: behold, I have played
the fool, and have erred exceedingly.

22 And David answered and said,
Behold the kings spear, and let one of

the young men come over and fetch it.
 23 The LORD render to every man his
 righteousnesse, and his faithfulness: for
 the LORD delivered thee into my hand
 to day, but I would not stretch forth
 mine hand against the LORDS anointed.

24 And behold, as thy life was much
 set by this day in mine eyes; so let my
 life be much set by in the eyes of the
 LORD, and let him deliver me out of all
 tribulation.

25 Then Saul said to David, Blessed
 be thou, my son David: thou shalt both
 do great things, and also shalt still pre-
 vail. So David went on his way, and Saul
 returned to his place.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 *Saul bearing David to be in Gath,*
seeketh no more for him. 5 *David ob-*
taineth Ziklag of Achish.

And David said in his heart, I shall now
 perish one day by the hand of Saul:
 there is nothing better for me, then that
 I should speedily escape into the land
 of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair
 of me, to seek me any more in any
 coast of Israel: so shall I escape out of
 his hand.

2 And David arose, and he passed over
 with the six hundred men that were
 with him, unto Achish the son of Maach
 king of Gath.

3 And David dwelt with Achish at
 Gath, he and his men, every man with
 his household, *even* David with his two
 wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and
 Abigail the Carmelitess Nabals wife.

4 And it was told Saul that David was
 fled to Gath: and he sought no more
 again for him.

5 ¶ And David said unto Achish, If I
 have now found grace in thine eyes,
 let me have a place in some town in
 the country, that I may dwell there:
 for being a stranger I shall dwell in the
 land.

6 Then Achish gave him Ziklag that
 day: wherefore Ziklag pertaineth unto
 the kings of Judah unto this day.

7 And the time that David dwelt in
 the country of the Philistines, was a
 full year and four moneths.

8 ¶ And David and his men went up
 and invaded the Geshurites: and the
 Gerezites, and the Amalekites: for those
 nations were of old the inhabitants of
 the land, as thou goest to Shur, even
 unto the land of Egypt.

9 And David smote the land, and left
 neither man nor woman alive, and took
 away the sheep, and the oxen, and the
 asses, and the camels, and the apparel,
 and returned, and came to Achish.

10 And Achish said, Whither have ye
 women said unto Saul, I saw gods
 ascend- made a rode to day? and David
 said, Against the south of Judah, and
 against the south of the Jerahmeelites,
 and against the south of the Kenites.

11 And David saved neither man nor
 woman alive, to bring tidings to Gath,
 and he stooped with his face to the
 saying, Lest they should tell on us, say-
 ing, So did David, and so will be his
 manner, all the while he dwelleth in
 the country of the Philistines.

12 And Achish believed David, saying,
 for the Philistines make war against
 me, he hath made his people Israel utterly
 to abhorre him; therefore he shall be-
 sweareth me no more, neither by
 prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have

3 *Saul having destroyed the witches,*
 7 *seeketh to a witch.* 9 *The witch en-*
 15 *Sauls ruine foretold.*

And it came to passe in those dayes,
 that the Philistines gathered their
 armies together for warfare, to fight
 with Israel: and Achish said unto David,
 Know thou that thou shalt go out
 with me to battle, thou and thy men.

2 And David said to Achish, Surely thou
 shalt know what thy servant can do. And
 Achish said to David, Therefore will I
 make thee keeper of mine head for ever.

3 ¶ Now Samuel was dead, and all Is-
 rael had lamented him, and buried him
 in Ramah, even in his own city: and Saul
 had put away those that had familiar
 spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.

4 ¶ And the Philistines gathered them-
 selves together, and came and pitched in
 the land of Israel: and Saul gathered all Is-
 rael to fight with the Philistines in Gilboa.

5 And when Saul saw the host of the
 Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart
 greatly trembled.

6 And when Saul enquired of the
 LORD, the LORD answered him not,
 neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by
 Prophets.

7 ¶ Then said Saul unto his servants,
 Seek me a woman that hath a familiar
 spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire
 of her. And his servants said to him, Be-
 hold, there is a woman that hath a fami-
 liar spirit at Endor.

8 And Saul disguised himself, and put
 on other raiment, and he went, and two
 men with him, and they came to the wo-
 man by night: and he said, I pray thee
 divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and
 bring me up whom I shall name unto
 thee.

9 And the woman said unto him, Be-
 hold, thou knowest what Saul hath done,
 how he hath cut off those that have fami-
 liar spirits, and the wizards, out of the
 land: wherefore then layest thou a snare
 for my life: to cause me to die?

10 And Saul sware to her by the LORD,
 saying, As I live, there shall no
 punishment happen to thee for this thing.

11 Then said the woman, Whom shall I
 bring up unto thee? And he said,
 Bring me up Samuel.

12 And when the woman saw Samuel,
 she cried with a loud voice: and the wo-
 man spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou
 deceived me? for thou art Saul.

13 And the king said unto her, Be not
 afraid: for what sawest thou? And she
 said, I saw gods ascend- made a rode to day?

14 And he said unto her, What form
 is he of? And she said, An old man com-
 eth up, and he is covered with a mantle.

15 And Saul perceived that it was Samuel,
 and he bowed down to the ground.

16 ¶ And Samuel said to Saul, Why
 hast thou disquieted me to bring me up?
 And Saul answered, I am sore distressed;

for the Philistines make war against me,
 and they have departed from me, and I
 have no more: therefore I have called

called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.

16 Then said Samuel, wherefore then dost thou ask of me; seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?

17 And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David:

18 Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, not executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek; therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day.

19 Moreover, the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee, into the hand of the Philistines; and to morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.

20 Then Saul fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel, and there was no strength in him: for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night.

21 ¶ And the woman came unto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said unto him, Behold, thine handmaid hath obeyed thy voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have hearkened unto thy words which thou spakest unto me.

22 Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also unto the voice of thine handmaid, and let me set a morsel of bread before thee; & eat, that thou mayest have strength, when thou goest on thy way.

23 But he refused, and said, I will not eat: but his servants, together with the woman, compelled him, and he hearkened unto their voice: so he arose from the earth, and sat upon the bed.

24 And the woman had a fat calf in the house, and she haled, and killed it, and took flour, and kneaded it, and did bake unleavened bread thereof.

25 And she brought it before Saul, and before his servants, and they did eat: then they rose up, and went away that night.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 David marching with the Philistines, is dismissed by their princes. 6 Achish dismisseth him.

NOW the Philistines gathered together all their armies to Aphek: and the Israelites pitched by a fountain which is in Jezreel.

2 And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands: but David and his men passed on in the rearward with Achish.

3 Then said the princes of the Philistines, what do these Hebrews here? And Achish said unto the princes of the Philistines, Is not this David the servant of Saul the king of Israel, which hath been with me these days or these years, and I have found no fault in him since he fell unto me, unto this day?

4 And the princes of the Philistines were wroth with him, and the princes of the Philistines said unto him, Make this fellow return, that he may go again to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he be an adver-

sary to us: for wherewith should he reconcile himself unto his master? should it not be with the heads of these men?

5 Is not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying, Saul slew his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

6 ¶ Then Achish called David, and said unto him, Surely, as the LORD liveth, thou hast been upright, and thy going out and thy coming in with me in the host, is good in my sight: for I have not found evil in thee, since the day of thy coming unto me unto this day: notwithstanding, the lords favour thee now.

7 Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou displease not the lords of the Philistines.

8 ¶ And David said unto Achish, But what have I done? and what hast thou found in thy servant, so long as I have been with thee unto this day, that I may not go fight against the enemies of my lord the king?

9 And Achish answered and said to David, I know that thou art good in my sight, as an angel of God: notwithstanding, the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle.

10 Wherefore now rise up early in the morning, with thy masters servants that are come with thee: and as soon as ye be up early in the morning, and have light, depart.

11 So David and his men rose up early to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Philistines; and the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

CHAP. XXX.

1 The Amalekites spoil Ziklag. 7 David encouraged by God, pursueth them; 16 and overtaketh them, recovereth the spoil.

AND it came to passe when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the fourth and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burnt it with fire:

2 And had taken the women captives that were therein; they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way.

3 ¶ So David and his men came to the city, and behold, it was burnt with fire, and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters were taken captives.

4 Then David and the people that were with him, lift up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.

5 And Davids two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

6 And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons, and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.

7 And David said to Abiathar the priest Ahimelechs son, I pray thee bring me hither the ephod: and Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David.

8 And David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue; for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.

9 So David went, he and the men

David smiteth the Amalekites: Chap. xxxj.

He divideth the spoil.

hundred men that were with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behinde, stayed.

18 But David pursued, he and four hundred men: (for two hundred abode behinde, which were so faint, that they could not go over the brook Besor.)

19 ¶ And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David and gave him bread, and he did eat, and they made him drink water.

20 And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: & when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three dayes and three nights.

21 And David said unto him, To whom belongeth thou? and whence art thou? and he said, I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite, and my master left me, because three dayes agoe I fell sick.

22 We made an invasion upon the south of the Cherethites, and upon the coast belongeth to Judah, and upon the south of Calch, and we burnt Ziklag with fire.

23 And David said to him, Canst thou bring me down to this company? And he said, I swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this company.

24 ¶ And when he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah.

25 And David smote them from the twilight, even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men which rode upon camels, and fled.

26 And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives.

27 And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any thing that they had taken to them: David recovered all.

28 And David took all the flocks, and the herds, which they drave before those other carrel, and said, This is David's spoil.

29 ¶ And David came to the two hundred men, which were so faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made also to abide at the brook Besor: and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that were with him; and when David came near to the people, he saluted them.

30 Then answered all the wicked men, and men of Belial, of those that went with David, and said, because they went not with us, we will not give them ounces of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead them away, and depart.

31 Then said David, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the LORD hath given us, who hath preserved us, and delivered the company that came against us, into our hand.

32 For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be of the spoil: they shall part alike.

25 And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel, unto this day.

26 ¶ And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, even to his friends, (saying, Behold a present for you, of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD.)

27 To them which were in Beth-el, and to them which were in south Ramoth, and to them which were in Jattir,

28 And to them which were in Arcoz, and to them which were in Siphmoth, and to them which were in Eshtemoz,

29 And to them which were in Rachab, and to them which were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to them which were in the cities of the Kenites,

30 And to them which were in Hor-mah, and to them which were in Chor-athan, and to them which were in Athach,

31 And to them which were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were wont to haunt.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 Saul having lost his armie, and his sons slain, he and his armour-bearer killed themselves. 7 The Philistines triumph over the dead carcases. 11 They of Jabesh-gilead, recovering the bodies by night, burn them at Jabesh, and mournfully buried their bones.

NOW the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa.

2 And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul, and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua, Sauls sons.

3 And the battle went fore against Saul, and the archers hit him, and he was sore wounded of the archers.

4 Then said Saul unto his armour-bearer, Draw thy sword and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armour-bearer would not; for he was sore afraid: therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.

5 And when his armour-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him.

6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armour-bearer, and all his men that same day together.

7 ¶ And when the men of Israel that were on the other side of the valley, and they that were on the other side Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

8 And it came to passe on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain; that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa.

9 And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish it in the house of their idols, and among the people.

10 And they put his armour in the house of Ashdod: and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth-shan.

11 ¶ And when the inhabitants of Jabesh-

The Amalekite accusing himself I. Samuel. *of Saul's death, &c.*
Jabesh-gilead heard of that which the of Bethshan, and came to Jabesh, and
Philistines had done to Saul: burie them there.

12 All the valiant men arose, and went 13 And they took their bones, and be-
all night, and took the body of Saul, ried them under a tree, at Jabesh, and
and the bodies of his sons from the wall salted seven dayes.

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the KINGS.

CHAP. I.

1 The Amalekite, who brought tidings of the overthrow, and accused himself
of Saul's death, is slain. 17 David la-
menteth Saul and Jonathan with a
song.

NOW it came to passe after the
death of Saul, when David was
returned from the slaughter of
the Amalekites, and David had abode two
dayes in Ziklag,

2 It came even to passe on the third
day, that behold, a man came out of the
camp from Saul, with his clothes rent,
and earth upon his head: and so it was,
when he came to David, that he fell to
the earth, and did obeisance.

3 And David said unto him, From
whence comest thou? and he said unto
him, Out of the camp of Israel am I
escaped.

4 And David said unto him, How went
the matter? I pray thee, tell me. And he
answered, That the people are fled from
the battell, and many of the people also
are fallen and dead, and Saul and Jona-
than his son are dead also.

5 And David said unto the young man
that told him, How knowest thou that
Saul and Jonathan his son be dead?

6 And the young man that told him,
said, As I happened by chance upon
mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned upon
his spear: and lo, the chariots and horse-
men followed hard after him.

7 And when he looked behinde him,
he saw me, and called unto me: and I
answered, Here am I.

8 And he said unto me, Who art thou?
and I answered him, I am an Amalekite.

9 He said unto me again, Stand, I
pray thee, upon me, and slay me: for
anguish is come upon me, because my
life is yet whole in me.

10 So I stood upon him, and slew him,
because I was sure that he could not live
after that he was fallen: and I took the
crown that was upon his head, and the
bracelet that was on his arm, and have
brought them hither unto my lord.

11 Then David took hold on his
clothes, and rent them, and likewise all
the men that were with him.

12 And they mourned and wept, and
fasted until even, for Saul and for Jona-
than his son, and for the people of the
LORD, and for the house of Israel; be-
cause they were fallen by the sword.

13 ¶ And David said unto the young
man that told him, Whence art thou?
And he answered, I am the son of a
stranger, an Amalekite.

14 And David said unto him, How wast
thou not afraid to stretch forth thine
hand, to destroy the LORDS anointed?

15 And David called one of the young
men, and said, Go near, and fall upon
him. And he smote him that he died.

16 And David said unto him, Thy

bloud be upon thy head: for thy mouth
hath testified against thee, saying, I have
slain the LORDS anointed.

17 ¶ And David lamented with this
lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan
his son,

18 (Also he bade them teach the chil-
dren of Judah the use of the bow: behold
it is written in the book of Jasher.)

19 The beauty of Israel is slain upon
thy high places: how are the mighty
fallen!

20 Tell it not in Gath, publish it not
in the streets of Askelon: lest thy daughters
of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daugh-
ters of the uncircumcised triumph.

21 Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be
no dew, neither let there be rain upon
you, nor fields of offerings: for there the
shield of the mighty is vilely cast away,
the shield of Saul, in though he had not
been anointed with oyl.

22 From the bloud of the slain, from
the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jona-
than turned not back, and the sword of
Saul returned not empty.

23 Saul and Jonathan were lovely and
pleasant in their lives, and in their death
they were not divided: they were swifter
than eagles, they were stronger than
lions.

24 Ye daughters of Israel, weep over
Saul, who clothed you in scarlet, with
other delights, who put on ornaments of
gold upon your apparell.

25 How are the mighty fallen in the
midst of the battell! O Jonathan, thou
wast slain in thine high places.

26 I am distressed for thee, my brother
Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been
unto me: thy love to me was wonder-
full, passing the love of women.

27 How are the mighty fallen, and the
weapons of war perished!

CHAP. II.

1 David by Gods direction going up
to Hebron, is made king of Judah.

3 Abner maketh Ish-bobab king of
Israel.

AND it came to passe after this, that
David enquired of the LORD, say-
ing, Shall I go up into any of the cities
of Judah? And the LORD said unto him,
Go up. And David said, whither shall I
go up? and he said, Unto Hebron.

2 So David went up thither, and his
two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreeli-
tesse, and Abigail Nabals wife the Car-
melite.

3 And his men that were with him did
David bring up, every man with his
household: and they dwelt in the cities of
Hebron.

4 And the men of Judah came, and
there they anointed David king over the
house of Judah: and they told David,
saying, That the men of Jabesh-gilead
have buried Saul.

5 ¶ And David sent messengers unto

of Jesse, Gilead, & said unto them, as many as came to the place where Abner fell down and died, stood still.

And now the LORD shew kindness and truth unto you: and I also will requite you this kindness, because ye have done this thing.

7 Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and be ye valiant: for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them.

8 ¶ But Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's host, took Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, & brought him over to Mahanaim.

9 And he made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel.

10 Ish-bosheth Saul's son was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and reigned two years: but the house of Judah followed David.

11 (And the time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah, was seven years, and six months.)

12 ¶ And Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim, to Gibeon.

13 And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and the servants of David went out, and met together by the pool of Gibeon: and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool.

14 And Abner said to Joab, Let the young men now arise, and play before us. And Joab said, Let them arise.

15 Then there arose and went over by number twelve of Benjamin, which pertained to Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David.

16 And they caught every one his fellow by the head, and thrust his sword in his fellows side: so they fell down together: wherefore that place was called He-kath-hazurim, which is in Gibeon.

17 And there was a very sore battle that day: and Abner was beaten, and the men of Israel, before the servants of David.

18 ¶ And there were three sons of Zeruiah there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel: and Asahel was as light of foot as a wilde roe.

19 And Asahel pursued after Abner, and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left, from following Abner.

20 Then Abner looked behinde him, and said, Art thou Asahel? And he answered, I am.

21 And Abner said to him, Turn thee aside to thy right hand, or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, and take thee his armour. But Asahel would not turn aside from following of him.

22 And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn thee aside from following me: wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? how then should I hold up my face to Joab thy brother?

23 Howbeit he refused to turn aside: wherefore Abner with the hinder end of the spear smote him under the fifth rib, that the spear came out behinde him: and he fell down there, and died in the kindred this day unto the house of Saul in that place: and it came so pass, that thy father, as his brethren, and to his

24 Joab also and Abishai pursued after Abner: and the sun went down when they were come to the hill of Ammah, thither lieth before Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon.

25 ¶ And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together after Abner, and became one troupe, and stood on the top of an hill.

26 Then Abner called to Joab, and said, Shall the sword devour for ever? knowest thou not that it will be bitterness in the latter end? how long shall it be then ere thou bid the people return from following their brethren?

27 And Joab said, As God liveth, unless thou hadst spoken, surely then in the morning the people had gone up every one from following his brother.

28 So Joab blew a trumpet, and all the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, neither sought they any more.

29 And Abner and his men walked all that night through the plain, and passed over Jordan, and went through all Bithron, and they came to Mahanaim.

30 And Joab returned from following Abner: and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of David's servants nineteen men, and Asahel.

31 But the servants of David had smitten of Benjamin and of Abner's men, so that three hundred and threescore men died.

32 ¶ And they took up Asahel, and buried him in the sepulchre of his father, which was in Beth-lehem: and Joab and his men went all night, and they came to Hebron at break of day.

CHAP. III.

1 During the war, David waxeth stronger. 6 Abner displeaseth with Ish-bosheth, 12 revolteth to David. 23 Joab killeth Abner. 28 David curseth Joab, 31 and mourneth for Abner.

Now there was long war between the house of Saul, and the house of David: but David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.

2 ¶ And unto David were sons born in Hebron: and his first-born was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess.

3 And his second, Chisleah, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite: and the third, Absalom the son of Maacah, the daughter of Talmai king of Gether:

4 And the fourth, Adonijah the son of Hagith: and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abith:

5 And y sixth, Ichreah, by Eglah David's wife: the seven were born to David in Hebron.

6 ¶ And it came to passe while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Abner made himself strong for the house of Saul.

7 And Saul had a concubine, whose name was Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah: and Ish-bosheth said to Abner, wherefore hast thou gone in unto my fathers concubines?

8 Then was Abner very wroth for the words of Ish-bosheth, and said, As I as that the spear came out behinde him: dogs head, which against Judah do shew, and he fell down there, and died in the kindred this day unto the house of Saul in that place: and it came so pass, that thy father, as his brethren, and to his

Abner delivered with
friends, & have not delivered thee into *5*
hand of David, that thou chargest me to
slay with a fault concerning this woman?

9 So do God to Abner, and more also,
except as the LORD hath sworn to Da-
vid, even so I do to him:

10 To translate the kingdom from the
house of Saul, and to set up the throne
of David over Israel, and over Judah,
from Dan even to Beer-sheba.

11 And he could not answer Abner a
word again, because he feared him.

12 ¶ And Abner sent messengers to
David on his behalf, saying, whose is the
Jaid? saying also, Make thy league with
me, and behold, my hand shall be with
thee, to bring about all Israel unto thee.

13 ¶ And he said, Well, I will make
a league with thee: but one thing I re-
quire of thee, that is, thou shalt not see
my face, except thou first bring Michal
Sauls daughter, when thou comest to see
my face.

14 And David sent messengers to Ish-
boeth Sauls son, saying, Deliver me my
wife Michal, which I espoused to me for
an hundred foreskins of the Philistines.

15 And Ish-boeth sent, and took her
from her husband, even from Phaltiel
the son of Laish.

16 And her husband went with her
along weeping behinde her to Bahurim:
then said Abner unto him, Go, return.
And he returned.

17 ¶ And Abner had communication &
the elders of Israel, saying, Ye sought for
David in times past to be king over you.

18 Now then do it, for the LORD hath
spoken of David, saying, By the hand of
my servant David I will save my people
Israel out of the hand of the Philistines,
and out of the hand of all their enemies.

19 And Abner also spake in the ears of
Benjamin: and Abner went also to speak
in the ears of David in Hebron, all that
seemed good to Israel, and that seemed
good to the whole house of Benjamin.

20 So Abner came to David to Hebron,
and twenty men with him: and David
made Abner, and the men that were with
him, a feast.

21 And Abner said unto David, I will
arise, and go, and will gather all Israel
unto my lord the king, that they may
make a league with thee, and that thou
mayest reign over all that thine heart
desireth. And David sent Abner away;
and he went in peace.

22 ¶ And behold, the servants of David
and Joab came from pursuing a troop,
and brought in a great spoil with them:
(but Abner was not with David in He-
bron; for he had sent him away, and he
was gone in peace.)

23 When Joab and all the host that was
with him, were come, they told Joab,
saying, Abner the son of Ner came to the
king, and he hath sent him away, and he is
gone in peace.

24 Then Joab came to the king, and
said, What hast thou done? behold, Abner
came unto thee, why is it that thou hast
sent him away, and he is quite gone?

25 Thou knowest Abner the son of Ner,
that he came to deceive thee, and to
know thy going out and thy coming in,
and to know all that thou doest.

I I. Samuel. *15-20* Joab, & he revolteth to David.

26 And when Joab was come out from
David, he sent messengers after Abner,
which brought him again from the well
of Sirah; but David knew it not.

27 And when Abner was returned to
Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate
to speak with him quietly; and smote
him there under the fifth rib, that he
died, for the blood of Asahel his bro-
ther.

28 ¶ And afterward when David heard
it, he said, I and my kingdom are guilt-
less before the LORD for ever, from
the blood of Abner the son of Ner:

29 Let it rest on the head of Joab, and
on all his fathers house, and let there not
fall from the house of Joab one that hath
an issue, or that is a leper, or that lean-
eth on a staff, or that falleth on the
sword, or that lacketh bread.

30 So Joab and Abishai his brother
slew Abner, because he had slain their
brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.

31 ¶ And David said to Joab, and to
all the people that were with him, Rent
your clothes, and gird you with sack-
cloth, and mourn before Abner. And king
David himself followed the bier.

32 And they buried Abner in Hebron:
and the king lift up his voice, and wept
at the grave of Abner; and all the people
wept.

33 And the king lamented over Abner,
and said, Died Abner as a fool dieth?

34 They hands were not bound, nor thy
feet put into fetters: as a man falleth
before wicked men, so sellest thou. And
all the people wept again over him.

35 And when all the people came to
cause David to eat meat while it was yet
day, David swore, saying, So do God to
me, and more also, if I taste bread or
ought else, till the sun be down.

36 And all the people took notice of it,
and it pleased them: as whatsoever the
king did, pleased all the people.

37 For all the people, and all Israel
understood that day, that it was not of
the king to slay Abner the son of Ner.

38 And the king said unto his servants,
Know ye not that there is a prince and a
great man fallen this day in Israel?

39 And I am this day weak, though
anointed king, and these men the sons of
Zeruiah be too hard for me: the LORD
shall reward the doer of evil according
to his wickedness.

CHAP. IIII.

1 Baanah and Rechab slay Ish-boseth,
and bring his head to Hebron. 9 David
causeth them to be slain.

And when Sauls son heard that Abner
was dead in Hebron, his hands were
feeble, and all the Israelites were trou-
bled.

2 And Sauls son had two men that were
captains of bands: the name of the one
was Baanah, and the name of the other
Rechab, the sons of Rimmon a Beero-
thite, of the children of Benjamin: (for
Beeroth also was reckoned to Benjamin.)

3 And the Beerothites fled to Gittaim,
and were sojourners there untill this
day.)

4 And Jonathan, Sauls son, had a son
that was lame of his feet, and was five
years old when the tidings came of Saul.

and Jonathan out of Jezreel, and hisin hisher: thinking, David cannot come
nurse took him up, and fled: and it camein hither.

to passe as she made haste to flee, that he 7 Nevertheless, David took the strong
fell, and became lame; and his name hold of Zion: the same as the city of
was Mephibosheth. David.

8 And the sons of Rimmon the Beero- 8 And David said on that day, who-
chite, Rechab and Baanah went, and came soever getteth up to the gutter, and smi-
about the heat of the day to the house of the Jebusites, and the lame, and the
Ish-boseth, who lay on a bed at noon. blinde, that are hated of Davids soul, as

6 And they came thither into the midst shall be chief and captain: wherefore
of the house, as though they would have they said, The blinde and the lame shall
ferched wheat; and they smote him under not come into the house.

the fifth v. 6; and Rechab and Baanah his 9 So David dwelt in the forr, and cal-
brother escaped. led it the city of David; and David built

7 For when they came into the house, round about, from Millo and inward.

8 And they brought the head of Ish- 10 And David went on, and grew great,
boseth unto David to Hebron, and said and the LORD God of hosts was with
to the king, Behold the head of Ish-bo- him.

11 ¶ And Hiram king of Tyre, sent

messengers to David, and cedar-trees, 12 And David perceived that the LORD
boseth unto David to Hebron, and said and carpenters, and masons: and they
built David an house.

13 ¶ And David took him moe concen-
bines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he
was come from Hebron: and there were
yet sons and daughters born to David.

14 And these be the names of those
that were born unto him in Jerusalem;

15 Ishbar also, and Elishua, and Nepheg,
and Elishama, and Eliada, and

16 Eliphaz.

17 ¶ But when the Philistines heard

that they had anointed David king over
Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek

David; and David heard of it, and went
down to the hold.

18 The Philistines also came and spread
themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

19 And David enquired of the LORD,

saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines?

wilt thou deliver them into mine hand?

And the LORD said unto David, Go up;

for I will doublelesse deliver the Phil-
istines into thine hand.

20 And David came to Bael-perazim,

and said;

The LORD hath broken forth upon mine

enemies before me, as the breach of wa-

ter. Therefore he called the name of that

place, Bael-perazim.

21 And there they left their images,

and David and his men burnt them.

22 ¶ And the Philistines came up yet

and spread themselves in the val-

ley of Rephaim.

23 And when David enquired of the

LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up:

for I have said, Thou shalt not go up:

for thou shalt not come Gath,

C H A P. VI.

1 David fetcheth the ark from Kirjath-jearim on a new cart. 6 Uzzah smitten. 12 David danceth before the ark. 20 Michahs barrenness.

Again, David gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.

2 And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him, from Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts, that dwelleth between the Cherubims.

3 And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio the sons of Abinadab, drave the new cart.

4 And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which was at Gibeah, accompanying the ark of God; and Ahio went before the ark.

5 And David, and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of instruments, made of fir-wood, even on harp, and on psalteries; and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.

6 ¶ And when they came to Nachons threshing-floor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it.

7 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah, and God smote him there for his error, and there he died by the ark of God.

8 And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzzah: And he called the name of the place, Perez-uzzah to this day.

9 And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and said, How shall the ark of the LORD come to me?

10 So David would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of David: but David carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.

11 And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite, three months: and the LORD blessed Obed-edom, and all his household.

12 ¶ And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that pertained unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom, into the city of David, with gladness.

13 And it was so, that when they that bare the ark of the LORD, had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings.

14 And David danced before the LORD with all his might, and David was girded with a linen ephod.

15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

16 And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michah Saul's daughter looked through a window, & saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD, and she despised him in her heart.

17 ¶ And they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt-offerings, and peace-offerings before the LORD,

18 And also, as David had made an end of offering burnt-offerings, and peace-offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.

19 And he dealt among all the people, even among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine: so all the people departed every one to his house.

20 ¶ Then David returned to bless his household: and Michah the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself!

21 And David said unto Michah, It was before the LORD, which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me the ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel: therefore will I play before the LORD.

22 And I will yet be more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and of the maid-servants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour.

23 Therefore Michah the daughter of Saul had no child until the day of her death.

C H A P. VII.

4 God forbiddeth David to build him a house. 12 God blesteth him in his seed. 18 Davids prayer and thanksgiving.

And it came to passe, when the king was in his house, and the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies;

2 That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains.

3 And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart: for the LORD is with thee.

4 ¶ And it came to passe that night, that the word of the LORD came unto Nathan, saying,

5 Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in?

6 Whereas I have not dwelt in any house, since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle.

7 In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel, spake I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me an house of cedar?

8 Now therefore, so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheep-cote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel.

9 And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth.

10 (Moreover, I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will place them, that they may dwell in a place of their own.)

their own, and move no more: neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as before time;

11 And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies: also the LORD telleth thee, that he will make thee an house.

12 ¶ And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son: if he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

16 And thine house, and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

17 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

18 ¶ Then went king David in, and sat before the LORD, and he said, Who am I, O Lord GOD? and what is my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?

19 And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord GOD; but thou hast spoken also of thy servants house for a great while to come; and is this the manner of man, O Lord GOD?

20 And what can David say more unto thee? for thou, Lord GOD, knowest thy servant.

21 For thy words sake, and according to thine own heart hast thou done all these great things, to make thy servant know them.

22 Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

23 And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things, and terrible, for thy land, before thy people which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods?

24 For thou hast confirmed to thy self thy people Israel to be a people unto thee for ever: and thou, LORD, art become their God.

25 And now, O LORD God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, establish it for ever, and do as thou hast said.

26 And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee.

27 For thou, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee.

28 And now, O Lord GOD, thou art that God, and thy words be true, and thou

hast promised this goodnesse unto thy servant.

29 Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken it, and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.

CHAP. VIII.

1 David subdueth the Philistines and the Moabites. 3 He smiteth Hadadezer and the Syrians. 16 David officers.

AND after this it came to passe, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them: and David took Gath from them out of the hand of the Philistines.

2 And he smote Moab, and measured them with a line, casting them down to the ground: even with two lines measured he, to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive: and so the Moabites became Davids servants, and brought gifts.

3 ¶ David smote also Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his border at the river Euphrates.

4 And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David houghed all the chariot-horses, but reserved of them for an hundred chariots.

5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to succour Hadadezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men.

6 Then David purgarions in Syria of Damascus: and the Syrians became servants to David, and brought gifts: and the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 And from Beulah, and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, king David took exceeding much brass.

9 ¶ When Toi king of Hamath heard that David had smitten all the host of Hadadezer,

10 Then Toi sent Joram his son unto king David, to salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer, and smitten him: (for Hadadezer had wars with Toi) and Joram brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass;

11 Which also king David did dedicate unto the LORD, with the silver and gold that he had dedicated of all nations which he subdued:

12 Of Syria, and of Moab, and of the children of Ammon, & of the Philistines, and of Amalek, and of the spoil of Hadadezer son of Rehob, king of Zobah.

13 And David gave him a name when he returned from limiting of the Syrians in the valley of salt, being eighteen thousand men.

14 ¶ And he put garisons in Edom: throughout all Edom put he garisons, and all they of Edom became Davids servants: and the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

15 And David reigned over all Israel, and David executed judgement and justice unto all his people.

16 And Josh the son of Zeruah was

over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder;

17 And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; and Seraiah was the scribe;

18 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over both the Cherethims, and the Pelishtines; and David's sons were chief rulers.

CHAPTER IX.

1 David sendeth for Mephibosheth. 7 For Jonathan's sake he restoreth him all that was Saul's.

AND David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake?

2 And there was of the house of Saul, a servant whose name was Ziba: and when they had called him unto David, the king said unto him, Art thou Ziba? And he said, Thy servant is he.

3 And the king said, Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kindness of God unto him? and Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, *which is lame on his feet.*

4 And the king said unto him, Where is he? and Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he is in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lo-debar.

5 ¶ Then king David sent, and set him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar.

6 Now when Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence: And David said, Mephibosheth! And he answered, Behold thy servant.

7 ¶ And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness, for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father, and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.

8 And he bowed himself, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am?

9 ¶ Then the king called to Ziba Saul's servant, and said unto him, I have given unto thy masters' fons all that pertained to Saul, and to all his house.

10 Thou therefore and thy fons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in the fruits, that thy masters' fons may have food to eat: but Mephibosheth thy masters' fons shall eat bread always at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen fons, and twenty servants.

11 Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do. As for Mephibosheth, *said the king*, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's fons.

12 And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Micha: and all that dwelt in the house of Ziba, were servants unto Mephibosheth.

13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet.

CHAPTER X.

1 David's messengers sent to comfort Hanun, are villainously treated. 6 The Ammonites are overcome.

AND it came to pass after this, that the king of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his stead.

2 Then said David, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahab, as his father shewed kindness unto me. And David sent to comfort him by the hand of his servants, for his father: and David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon.

3 And the princes of the children of Ammon said unto Hanun their lord, Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? hath not David rather sent his servants unto thee, to search the city, and to spie it out, and to overthrow it?

4 Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and shaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away.

5 When they told it unto David, he sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed: and the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return.

6 ¶ And when the children of Ammon saw that they shrank before David, the children of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Berh-rehob, and the Syrians of Zoba, twenty thousand footmen, and of king Maacah a thousand men, and of Ish-rob twelve thousand men.

7 And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men.

8 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the barrel in array at the entering in of the gate: and the Syrians of Zoba and of Rehob, and Ish-rob, and Maacah were by themselves in the field.

9 When Joab saw that the front of the barrel was against him before & behinde, he chose of all the choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians.

10 And the rest of the people he delivered into the hand of Abithai his brother, that he might put them in array against the children of Ammon.

11 And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me; but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will come and help thee.

12 Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the LORD do that which seemeth him good.

13 And Joab drew nigh, and the people that were with him, unto the barrel against the Syrians: and they fled before him.

14 And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, then fled they also before Abithai, and entered into the city: so Joab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem.

15 ¶ And when the Syrians saw that they were smitten before Israel, they gathered themselves together.

16 And Hadad-ezer sent and brought out the Syrians that were beyond the river, and they came to Helam; and Shobach the captain of the host of Hadad-ezer went before them.

17 And when it was told David, he gathered all Israel together, and passed over Jordan, and came to Helam: and the Syrians set themselves in array against David, and fought with him.

18 And the Syrians fled before Israel, and David slew the men of seven hundred char-

chariots of the Syrians, and fourty thousand horsemen, and smote Shobach the captain of their host, who died there.

19 And when all the kings that were servants to Hadarezer saw that they were smitten before Israel, they made peace with Israel, and served them : so the Syrians feared to help the children of Ammon any more.

CHAP. XI.

1 *Joab beseging Rabbah, David committeth adultery with Bath-sheba.*

17 *Uriah is slain.*

And it came to passe, that after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battel, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel : and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah : but David tarried still at Jerusalem.

2 ¶ And it came to passe in an evening-tide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the kings house : and from the roof he saw a woman washing her self, and the woman was very beautifull to look upon.

3 And David sent and enquired after the woman : and one said, Is not this Bath-shebar the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite ?

4 And David sent messengers, and took her, and she came in unto him, and he lay with her, (for she was purified from her uncleanness) and she returned into her house.

5 And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, & said, I am with child.

6 ¶ And David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David.

7 And when Uriah was come unto him, David demanded of him how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered.

8 And David said to Uriah, Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the kings house, and there followed him a melle of meat from the king.

9 But Uriah slept at the door of the kings house, with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house.

10 And when they had told David, saying, Uriah went not down unto his house, David said unto Uriah, Camest thou not from thy journey ? why then didst thou not go down unto thine house ?

11 And Uriah said unto David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah abide in tents, and why lord Joab, and the servants of my lord are encamped in the open fields ; shall I then go into mine house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife ? As thou livest, and as thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing.

12 And David said to Uriah, Tarry here to day also, and to morrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem, that day and the morrow.

13 And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him, and made him drunk : and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house.

14 ¶ And it came to passe in the morning that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah,

15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battel, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die.

16 And it came to passe when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men were.

17 And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab : and there fell some of the people of the servants of David, and Uriah the Hittite died also.

18 ¶ Then Joab sent, and told David all the things concerning the war :

19 And charged the messengers, saying, When thou hast made an end of telling the matters of the war unto the king,

20 And if so be that the kings wrath arise, and he say unto thee, Wherefore approached ye so nigh unto the city when ye did fight ? knew ye not that they would shoot from the wall ?

21 Who smote Abimelech the son of Jerub-beth ? did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon him from the wall that he died in Thebez ? why went ye nigh the wall ? then say thou, Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.

22 ¶ So the messenger went, and came and shewed David all that Joab had sent him for.

23 And the messenger said unto David, Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entering of the gate.

24 And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants, and some of the kings servants be dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.

25 Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing displease thee : for the sword devoureth one as well as another : make thy battel more strong against the city, and overthrow it, and encourage thou him.

26 ¶ And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.

27 And when the mourning was past, David sent, and set her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son : but the thing that David had done, displeased the LORD.

CHAP. XII.

1 *Nathans parable, 7 David confesseth his sin, and is pardoned. 24 Solomon is born. 26 Rabbah is taken.*

And the LORD sent Nathan unto David : and he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city ; the one rich, and the other poor.

2 The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds :

3 But the poor man had nothing save one little ew-lamb, which he had bought and nourished up : and it grew up together with him, and with his children : It did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosome, and was unto him as a daughter.

4 And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock, and of his own herd, to dress for the way-faring man that was come unto him, but took the poor mans lamb :

and dressed it for the man that was come to him.

5 And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, *As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this thing, shall surely die.*

6 And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.

7 ¶ And Nathan said to David, *Thou art the man*: thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul;

8 And I gave thee thy masters house, and thy masters wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if *that had been* too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things.

9 Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.

11 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give *them* unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun.

12 For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.

13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin, thou shalt not die.

14 Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee, shall surely die.

15 ¶ And Nathan departed unto his house: and the LORD strook the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick.

16 David therefore besought God for the child, and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth.

17 And the elders of his house arose, and went to him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them.

18 And it came to passe on the seventh day, that the child died: and the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead?

19 But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? and they said, He is dead.

20 Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped:

then he came to his own house, and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat.

21 Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? Thou didst fast and weep for the child while it was alive, but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread.

22 And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live?

23 But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

24 ¶ And David comforted Bath-sheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and he called his name Solomon; and the LORD loved him.

25 And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet, and he called his name Jedidiah, because of the LORD.

26 ¶ And Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the roya! city.

27 And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, I have fought against Rabbah, and have taken the city of waters.

28 Now therefore, gather the rest of the people together, and encamp against the city, and take it: lest I take the city, and it be called after my name.

29 And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it.

30 And he took their kings crown from off his head, (the weight whereof was a talent of gold, with the precious stones) and it was set on Davids head: and he brought forth the spoil of the city in great abundance.

31 And he brought forth the people that were therein, and put them under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them passe through the brick-kiln: and thus did he unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. So David and all the people returned unto Jerusalem.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Ammon loving Tamar, ravisheth her. 23 Absalom killeth Ammon. 37 He fleeth to Talmatai Geshur.

And it came to passe after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar, and Ammon the son of David loved her.

2 And Ammon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin: and Ammon thought it hard for him to do any thing to her.

3 But Ammon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah, Davids brother: and Jonadab was a very subtil man.

4 And he said unto him, Why art thou, being the kings son, lean from day to day? wilt thou not tell me? And Ammon said unto him, I love Tamar, my brother Absaloms sister.

5 And Jonadab said unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and make thy self sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come, and give me meat, and drink.

dress the meat in my sight, that I may and see it, and eat it at her hand.

6 ¶ So Ammon lay down, and made himself sick: and when the king was come to see him, Ammon said unto the king, I pray thee, let Tamar my sister come, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat at her hand.

7 Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to thy brother Ammon's house, and dress him meat.

8 So Tamar went to her brother Ammon's house, (and he was laid down) and she took flour, and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes.

9 And she took a pan, and poured them out before him, but he refused to eat: and Ammon said, Have out all men from me: and they went out every man from him.

10 And Ammon said unto Tamar, Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Ammon her brother.

11 And when she had brought them unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, Come lie with me, my sister.

12 And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not force me: for no such thing ought to be done in Israel; do not thou this folly.

13 And I, whicher shall I cause my shame to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee.

14 Howbeit, he would not hearken unto her voice: but being stronger then she, forced her, and lay with her.

15 ¶ Then Ammon hated her exceedingly, so that the hatred wherewith he hated her, was greater then the love wherewith he had loved her: and Ammon said unto her, Arise, be gone.

16 And she said unto him, There is no cause; this evil in sending me away, is greater then y other that thou didst unto me: but he would not hearken unto her.

17 Then he called his servant that ministered unto him, and said, Put now this woman out from me, and bolt the door after her.

18 And she had a garment of divers colours upon her: for with such robes were the kings daughters that were virgins, apparelled. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her.

19 ¶ And Tamar put ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colours that was on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on crying.

20 And Absalom her brother said unto her, Hath Ammon thy brother been with thee? but hold now thy peace, my sister: he is thy brother, regard not this thing. So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house.

21 ¶ But when king David heard of all these things, he was very wroth.

22 And Absalom spake unto his brother Ammon neither good nor bad: for Absalom hated Ammon, because he had forced his sister Tamar.

23 ¶ And it came to passe after two full years, that Absalom had sheep-shearers in Beth-hazor, which is beside Ephraim:

24 And Absalom came to the king, and said, Behold now, thy servants hath thee shearers, I let the king, I beseech thee, and his servants, go with thy servant.

25 And the king said to Absalom, Nay, my son, let us not all now go, lest we be chargeable unto thee. And he pressed him, howbeit he would not go, but blessed him.

26 Then said Absalom, If nor, I pray thee, let my brother Ammon go with us. And the king said unto him, Why should he go with thee?

27 But Absalom pressed him, that he let Ammon & all the kings sons go with him.

28 ¶ Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now when Ammon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say unto you, Smite Ammon, then kill him, fear not: have not I commanded you? be courageous, and be valiant.

29 And the servants of Absalom did unto Ammon, as Absalom had commanded: then all the kings sons arose, and every man gat him up upon his mule, and fled.

30 ¶ And it came to passe while they were in the way, that tidings came to David, saying, Absalom hath slain all the kings sons, and there is not one of them left.

31 Then the king arose, & tare his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants stood by with their clothes rent.

32 And Jonadab the son of Shimeah David's brother, answered and said, Let not my lord suppose that they have slain all the young men the kings sons; for Amnon only is dead: for by the appointment of Absalom this hath been determined, from the day that he forced his sister Tamar.

33 Now therefore let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the kings sons are dead: for Amnon only is dead.

34 But Absalom fled. And the young man that kept the watch, lift up his eyes, and looked, and behold, there came much people by the way of the hill-side behind him.

35 And Jonadab said unto the king, behold, the kings sons come: as thy servant said, so it is.

36 And it came to passe as soon as he had made an end of speaking, that behold, the kings sons came, and lift up their voice and wept: and the king also and all his servants wept very sore.

37 ¶ But Absalom fled, and went to Talmai the son of Ammihud king of Geshur: & was dwelt there for his son every day.

38 So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was there three years.

39 And the soul of king David longed to go forth unto Absalom: for he was comforted concerning Ammon, seeing he was dead.

CHAP. XLIIII.

1 Joab suborning a widow of Tekoah to incite the kings heart to fetch home Absalom, bringeth him to Jerusalem.

Now Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the kings heart was toward Absalom.

2 And Joab sent to Tekoah, and fetched thence a wise woman, and said unto her, I pray thee, feign thy self to be a mourner.

ner, and put on now mourning apparell, and anoint not thy self with oil, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for the dead:

3 And come to the king, and speak on this manner unto him: so Joab put the words in her mouth.

4 ¶ And when the woman of Tekoah spake to the king, she fell on her face to the ground, and did obeisance, and said, Help, O king.

5 And ¶ king said unto her, What ailerth thee? And she answered, I am indeed a widow woman, and mine husband is dead.

6 And thy handmaid had two sons, and they two strove together in the field, and there was none to part them, but the one smote the other, and slew him.

7 And behold, the whole family is risen against thine handmaid, and they said, Deliver him; smote his brother that we may kill him, for the life of his brother whom he slew, and we will destroy the heir also; and so they shall quench my coal which is left, & shall not leave to my husband neither name nor remainder upon the earth.

8 And the king said unto the woman, Go to thine house, and I will give charge concerning thee.

9 And the woman of Tekoah said unto the king, My lord, O king, the iniquity be on me, and on my fathers house: and the king, and his throne be guiltlesse.

10 And the king said, Whosoever saith oughts unto thee, bring him to me, and he shall not touch thee any more.

11 Then said she, I pray thee, let the king remember the LORD thy God, that thou wouldest not suffer the revengers of blood to destroy any more, lest they destroy my son. And he said, As the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of thy son fall to the earth.

12 Then the woman said, Let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak one word unto my lord ¶ king. And he said, Say on.

13 And the woman said, Wherefore then halt thou thought such a thing against the people of God? for ¶ king doth speak this thing, as one who is sanely, in that the king doth not fetch home again his banished.

14 For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again: neither doth God respect any person, yet doth he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him.

15 Now therefore that I am come to speak of this thing unto my lord ¶ king, it is because the people have made me afraid: and thy handmaid said, I will now speak unto ¶ king; it may be that the king will perform ¶ request of his handmaid.

16 For the king will hear, to deliver his handmaid out of the hand of the man that would destroy me and my son together out of the inheritance of God:

17 Then thine handmaid said, The word of my lord ¶ king shall now be comfortable: for as an angel of God, so is my lord the king to discern good and bad: therefore ¶ LORD thy God will be with thee.

18 Then the king answered and said unto the woman, Hide not from me, I pray thee, the thing that I shall ask thee. And the woman said, Let my lord the king now speak.

19 And the king said, Is not the hand of Joab with thee in all this? And the woman answered and said, As thy soul liveth, my lord the king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from ought that my lord the king hath spoken: for thy servant Joab he bade me, & he put all these words in the mouth of thine handmaid.

20 To fetch about this form of speech hath thy servant Joab done this thing: and my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth.

21 ¶ And ¶ king said unto Joab, Behold now, I have done this thing: go therefore, bring the young man Absalom again.

22 And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and bowed himself, and thanked the king: and Joab said, To day thy servant knoweth that I have found grace in thy sight, my lord, O king, in that the king hath fulfilled the request of his servant.

23 So Joab arose and went to Gethur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem.

24 And the king said, Let him turn to his own house, and let him not see my face. So Absalom returned to his own house, and saw not the kings face.

25 ¶ But in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom, for his beauty: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head, there was no blemish in him.

26 And when he polled his head, (for it was at every years end that he polled it: because the hair was heavy on him, therefore he polled it) he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels after the kings weight.

27 And unto Absalom there were born three sons and one daughter, whose name was Tamar: she was a woman of a fair countenance.

28 ¶ So Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, and saw not the kings face.

29 Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to have sent him to the king, but he would not come to him: and when he sent again the second time, he would not come.

30 Therefore he said unto his servants, See, Joab's field is near mine, and he hath barley there; go and set it on fire: and Absaloms servants set the field on fire.

31 Then Joab arose and came to Absalom unto his house, and said unto him, Wherefore have thy servants set my field on fire?

32 And Absalom answered Joab, Behold, I sent unto thee, saying, Come hither, that I may send thee to the king, to say, Wherefore am I come from Gethur? It had been good for me to have been there still: now therefore let me see the kings face; and if there be any iniquity in me, let him kill me.

33 So Joab came to the king, and told him: and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king, and the king kissed Absalom.

CHAP. XV.

1 Absalom slew his two brothers of Israel, 10 He maketh a conspiracy. 13 David fleeeth from Jerusalem. 31 He curseth Ahithophels counsell.

And it came to passe after this, that Absalom prepared him chariots, and his servants.

horses and fifty men to run before him.

2 And Abſalom roſe up early, and ſtood beſide the way of the gate; and it was ſo, that when any man that had a controverſie came to the king for judgement, then Abſalom called unto him, and ſaid, Of what city art thou? And he ſaid, Thy ſervant is of one of the tribes of Iſrael.

3 And Abſalom ſaid unto him, See, thy matters are good and right, but *there is* no man *deputed* of the king to hear thee.

4 Abſalom ſaid moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land; that every man which hath any ſuit or cauſe, might come unto me, & I would do him juſtice.

5 And it was ſo, that when any man came nigh to him to do him obedience, he put forth his hand, and took him and kiſſed him.

6 And on this manner did Abſalom to all Iſrael that came to the king for judgement: ſo Abſalom ſtole the hearts of the men of Iſrael.

7 ¶ And it came to paſſe after forty years, that Abſalom ſaid unto the king, I pray thee let me go and pay my vow which I have vowed unto the LORD in Hebron.

8 For thy ſervant vowed a vow while I abode at Gethur in Syrin, ſaying, If the LORD ſhall bring me again indeed to Jeruſalem, then I will ſerve the LORD.

9 And the king ſaid unto him, Go in peace. So he aroſe and went to Hebron.

10 ¶ But Abſalom ſent ſpies throughout all the tribes of Iſrael, ſaying, Aſſoon as ye hear the ſound of the trumpet, then ye ſhall ſay, Abſalom reigneth in Hebron.

11 And with Abſalom went two hundred men out of Jeruſalem, *that were* called, and they went in their ſimplicity, and they knew not any thing.

12 And Abſalom ſent for Ahithophel the Gilouite, Davids counſellour, from his city, *even* from Giloh, while he offered ſacrifices: and the conſpiracie was ſtrong; for the people increaſed continually with Abſalom.

13 ¶ And there came a meſſenger to David, ſaying, The hearts of the men of Iſrael are after Abſalom.

14 And David ſaid unto all his ſervants that *were* with him at Jeruſalem, Ariſe, and let us flee; for we ſhall not *elſe* eſcape from Abſalom: make ſpeed to depart, leſt he overtake us ſuddenly, and bring evil upon us, and ſmite the city with the edge of the ſword.

15 And the kings ſervants ſaid unto the king, Behold, thy ſervants *are ready* to do whatſoever my lord the king ſhall appoint.

16 And the king went forth, and all his houſhold after him: and the king left ten women, *which were* concubines, to keep the houſe.

17 And the king went forth, and all the people after him, and tarried in a place that was far off.

18 And all his ſervants paſſed on beſide him; and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, ſix hundred men which came after him from Gath, paſſed on before the king.

19 ¶ Then ſaid the king to Ittai the Githian, Wherefore goeſt thou alſo with

us? return to thy place, and abide with the king: for thou art a ſtranger, and alſo an exile.

20 Whereas thou cameſt *hither* yeſterday, ſhould I this day make thee go up and down with us? ſeeing I go whither I may, return thou, and take back thy brethren: mercy and truth be with thee.

21 And Ittai answered the king, and ſaid, As the LORD liveth, & as my lord the king liveth, ſurely in what place my lord the king ſhall be, whether in death or life, even there alſo will thy ſervant be.

22 And David ſaid to Ittai, Go, and paſſe over. And Ittai the Gittite paſſed over, and all his men, and all the little ones that *were* with him.

23 And all the country wept with a loud voice; and all the people paſſed over: the king alſo himſelf paſſed over the brook Kidron, and all the people paſſed over, toward the way of the wilderneſſe.

24 ¶ And lo, Zadok alſo, and all the Levites *were* with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God, and they ſet down the ark of God; and Abiathar went up, until all the people had done paſſing out of the city.

25 And the king ſaid unto Zadok, Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I ſhall finde favour in the eyes of the LORD, he will bring me again, and ſhew me *both* it, and his habitation.

26 But if he thus ſay, I have no delight in thee: behold, *here am I*, let him do to me as ſeemeth good unto him.

27 The king ſaid alſo unto Zadok the prieſt, *Art not* thou a ſeer? return into the city in peace, and your two ſons with you, Ahimaz thy ſon, and Jonathan the ſon of Abiathar.

28 See, I will tarry in the plain of the wilderneſſe, untill there come word from you to certifie me.

29 Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried the ark of God again to Jeruſalem; and they tarried there.

30 ¶ And David went up by the aſcents of Mount Oliver, and wept as he went up, and had his head covered, and he went bare foot: and all the people that *were* with him, covered every man his head, & they went up, weeping as they went up.

31 ¶ And one told David, ſaying, Ahithophel is among the conſpirators with Abſalom. And David ſaid, O LORD, I pray thee, turn the counſel of Ahithophel into fooliſhneſſe.

32 ¶ And it came to paſſe that *when* David was come to the top of *the* mount, where he worſhipped God, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him, with his coat rent, and earth upon his head:

33 Unto whom David ſaid, If thou paſſeſt on with me, then thou ſhalt be a burden unto me.

34 But if thou return to the city, and ſay unto Abſalom, I will be thy ſervant, O king; *as I have been* thy fathers ſervant hitherto, ſo *will* I now alſo be thy ſervant: then mayeſt thou for me defeat the counſel of Ahithophel.

35 And *hath* thou not there with thee Zadok and Abiathar the prieſts? therefore it ſhall be, that what thing ſoever thou ſhalt hear out of the kings houſe, thou ſhalt tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the prieſts.

35 Behold *they*, have there with them their two sons, Ahimaaz Zadoks son, that *were* with him, came weary, and and Jonathan Abiathars son: and by them refreshed themselves there.

37 So Hushai Davids friend came into the city, & Absalom came into Jerusalem.

C H A P. XVI.

1 Ziba by false suggestions obtaineth his masters inheritance. 5 Shimei curseth David. 20 Ahitophels counsel.

ANd when David was a little past the top of the hill, behold, Ziba *y* servant thy kindnesse to thy friend? Why wentest of Mesphibotheth met him with a couple thou not with thy friend?

of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred loaves of bread, and an hundred but bunches of raisins, and an hundred of all the men of Israel choofe, his will I be, summer-fruits, and a bottle of wine.

2 And the king said unto Ziba, What mean sthous by these? and Ziba said, should I not serve in the presence of his? The asses *b* for the kings household to son? as I have served in thy fathers pride on, and the bread and summer-fruit fence, so will I be in thy presence. for the young men to eat, and the wine, 20 ¶ Then said Absalom to Ahitophel, that such as be faint in the wilderness Give counsel among you what we shal do.

3 And the king said, And where *is* thy masters son? and Ziba said unto the king, he hath left to keep the house, and all Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem: for he Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of said, To day shall the house of Israel re- thy father, then shall the hands of all that store me the kingdom of my father, are with thee be strong.

4 Then said the king to Ziba, Behold, thine *are* all that pertained unto Me- phibotheth. And Ziba said, I humbly be- seech thee that I may finde grace in thy sight, my lord, O king.

5 ¶ And when king David came to Ba- hurim, behold, thence came out a man of man had enquired at the oracle of God: the family of the house of Saul, whose name *was* shimei the son of Gera: he came forth and cursed still as he came.

6 And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people, and all the mighty men *were* on his right hand, and on his left.

7 And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Come out, come out thou bloody man, and thou man of Belial:

8 The LORD hath returned upon thee all the blood of the house of Saul, *is* weary and weak-handed, and will make in whose stead thou hast reigned, and the LORD hath delivered the kingdom into with him shall flee, and I will smite the hand of Absalom thy son: and be- hold, thou *art* *en* *ta* *ga* *n* in thy mischief, because thou *art* a bloody man.

9 ¶ Then said Abihai the son of Ze- roiah unto the king, Why should this dead be in peace. dog curse my lord the king? let me go over I pray thee, and take off his head.

10 And the king said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruah? so let the Archite also, and let us hear likewise him curse, because the LORD hath said what he saith.

11 And David said to Abihai, and to all Ahitophel hath spoken after this man- his servants, Behold, my son, which came ner: shall we do after his saying? if not forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how speak thou.

much more now may this Benjamite do it? let him alone, and let him curse: for the LORD hath bidden him.

12 It may be that the LORD will look on mine affliction, and that the LORD will requite me good for his cursing this day.

13 And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hills side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast out.

14 And the king, and all the people that *were* with him, came weary, and refreshed themselves there.

15 ¶ And Absalom and all the people the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, unto Ahitophel with him.

16 And it came to passe when Hushai the Archite, Davids friend, was come unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom, God say: the king, God save the king.

17 And Absalom said to Hushai, *Is* this thy kindnesse to thy friend? Why wentest thou not with thy friend?

18 And Hushai said unto Absalom, Nay, but whom the LORD and this people and with him will I abide.

19 And again, whom should I serve? I not serve in the presence of his?

20 ¶ Then said Absalom to Ahitophel, Give counsel among you what we shal do.

21 And Ahitophel said unto Absalom, Go in unto thy fathers concubines, which the top of the house, and Absalom went in unto his fathers concubines, in the sight of all Israel.

22 So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house, and Absalom went in unto his fathers concubines, in the sight of all Israel.

23 And the counsel of Ahitophel which he counselled in those dayes, was as if a counsellor had enquired at the oracle of God: so was all the counsel of Ahitophel, both with David and with Absalom.

C H A P. XVII.

1 Ahitophels counsel overthroweth Hushai. 23 He banqueteth himself.

25 Amasa made captain.

MOREOVER, Ahitophel said unto Absalom, Let me now choofe out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night.

2 And I will come upon him while he is weary and weak-handed, and will make him afraid: and all the people that *are* with him shall flee, and I will smite the king only.

3 And I will bring back all the people unto thee: the man whom thou seekest, *is* as if all returned: so all the people that *are* with him shall flee, and I will smite the king only.

4 And the saying pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel.

5 Then said Absalom, Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise him curse, because the LORD hath said what he saith.

6 And when Hushai was come to Absalom, Absalom spake unto him, saying, Behold, my son, which came ner: shall we do after his saying? if not forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how speak thou.

7 And Hushai said unto Absalom, The counsel that Ahitophel hath given, *is* not good at this time.

8 For (said Hushai) thou knowest thy father and his men, that they *be* mighty men, and they *be* chafed in their mindes, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field: and thy father *is* a man of war, and he will not lodge with the people.

9 Behold, he is hid now in some pit, or in some other place: and it will come to passe

pass, when some of them be overthrown in the first, that whosoever heareth it, will say, There is a slaughter among the people that follow Absalom.

10 And hea. so that a valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, shall utter a melt: for all Israel knoweth that thy father is a mighty man, and they which be with him are valiant men.

11 Therefore I counsel, that all Israel be generally gathered unto thee, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, as the Lord hath said by the sea for multitude, and that thou go to battle in thine own person.

12 So shall we come upon him in some place where he shall be found, and we will fight upon him as the dew falleth on the ground: and of him, and of all the men that are with him, there shall not be left so much as one.

13 Moreover, if he be gotten into a city, then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until there be not one small stone found there.

14 And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better then the counsel of Ahithophel: for the LORD had appointed to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that the LORD might bring evil upon Absalom.

15 ¶ Then said Hushai unto Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, Thus and thus did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the elders of Israel, and thus and thus have I counselled.

16 Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, Lodge now this night in the plains of the wilderness, but speedily pass over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people that are with him.

17 Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed by En-rogel, (for they might not be seen to come into the city) and a wench went and told them: and they went and told king David.

18 Nevertheless, a lad saw them, and told Absalom: but they went both of them away quickly, and came to a mans house in Baburim, which had a well in his court, whither they went down.

19 And the woman took and spread a covering over the wells mouth, and spread ground corn thereon; and the thing was not known.

20 And when Absaloms servants came to the woman to the house, they said, where is Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And the woman said unto them, They be gone over the brook of water. And when they had sought and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem.

21 And it came to pass after they were departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David, and said unto David, Arise, and pass quickly over the water: for thus hath Ahithophel counselled against you.

22 Then David arose, and all the people that were with him, and they passed over Jordan: by the morning light there lacked not one of them that was not gone over Jordan.

23 ¶ And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he failed

his wife, and arose, and gave him home to his house, to his city, and put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father.

24 Then David came to Mahanaim: and Absalom passed over Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him.

25 ¶ And Absalom made Amasa captain of the host in stead of Joab: which Amasa was a mans son, whose name was Ithra an Israelite, that went into Abigail the daughter of Nabal, sister to Zeruiah, Joabs mother.

26 So Israel and Absalom pitched in the land of Gilead.

27 ¶ And it came to pass when David was come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel of Lo-debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim,

28 Brought beds, and basons, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched corn, and beans, and lentiles, and parched pulse,

29 And honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine for David, and for the people that were with him, to eat: for they said, The people is hungry, and weary, and thirsty in the wilderness.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 David viewing the armies, giveth them charge of Absalom. 9 Absalom is slain by Joab. 33 David lamenteth him.

And David numbered the people that were with him, and set captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds over them.

2 And David sent forth a third part of the people under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah Joabs brother, and a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite: and the king said unto the people, I will surely go forth with you myself also.

3 But the people answered, Thou shalt not go forth: for if we flee away, they will not care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us: but now thou art worth then thousand of us: therefore now it is better that thou succour us out of the city.

4 And the king said unto them, What seemeth you best, I will do. And the king stood by the gate side, and all the people came out by hundreds, and by thousands.

5 And the king commanded Joab, and Abishai, and Ittai, saying, Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom. And all the people heard, when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom.

6 ¶ So the people went out into the field against Israel: and the battle was in the wood of Ephraim;

7 Where the people of Israel were slain before the servants of David, and there was there a great slaughter that day of twenty thousand men.

8 For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the country: and the wood devoured more people that day, then the sword devoured.

9 And Absalom met the servants of David; and Absalom rode upon a mule.

and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth, and the mule that *was* under him went away.

10 And a certain man ſaw *it*, and told Joab, and ſaid, Behold, I ſaw Abſalom hanged in an oak.

11 And Joab ſaid unto the man that told him, And behold, thou ſaweſt *him*, and why diſt thou not ſmite him there to the ground, and I would have given thee ten ſhe¹els of ſilver, and a girdle?

12 And the man ſaid unto Joab, Though I ſhould receive a thouſand ſhe¹els of ſilver in mine hand, yet would I not put forth mine hand againſt the king's ſon: for in our hearing the king charged thee, and Abihai, and Iſrai, ſaying, Beware that none *touch* the young man Abſalom.

13 Otherwiſe, I ſhould have wrought falſhood againſt mine own life: for there is no matter hid from the king, and thou thy ſelf wouldeſt have ſet thy ſelf againſt *me*.

14 Then ſaid Joab, I may not tarry this with thee. And he took three darts in his hand, and thruſt them through the heart of Abſalom, while he *was* yet alive in the miſt of the oak.

15 And ten young men that bare Joab's armour, compaſſed about and ſmote Abſalom, and ſlew him.

16 And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from purſuing after Iſrael: for Joab held back the people.

17 And they took Abſalom, and caſt him into a great pit in the wood, and laid a very great heap of ſtones upon him: and all Iſrael ſhed every one to his rent.

18 ¶ Now Abſalom in his life time had taken and reared up for himſelf a pillar, which *is* in the king's dale: for he ſaid, I have no ſon to keep my name in remembrance: and he called the pillar after his own name, and it is called unto this day, Abſalom's place.

19 ¶ Then ſaid Ahimaaz the ſon of Zadok, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that the LORD hath avenged him of his enemies.

20 And Joab ſaid unto him, Thou ſhalt not bear tidings this day, but thou ſhalt bear tidings another day: but this day thou ſhalt bear no tidings, becauſe the king's ſon is dead.

21 Then ſaid Joab to Cuſhi, Go tell the king what thou haſt ſeen. And Cuſhi bowed himſelf unto Joab, and ran.

22 Then ſaid Ahimaaz the ſon of Zadok yet again to Joab, But howſoever, let me, I pray thee, alſo run after Cuſhi. And Joab ſaid, Wherefore wilt thou run, my ſon, ſeeing that thou haſt no tidings ready?

23 But howſoever (*ſaid he*) let me run. And he ſaid unto him, Run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, and overran Cuſhi.

24 And David ſat between the two gates, and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and liſt up his eyes, and looked, and behold, a man running alone.

25 And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king ſaid, If he be alone, *ſee* *it* tidings in his mouth. And he came apace, and drew near.

26 And the watchman ſaw another man running, and the watchman called unto the porter, and ſaid, Behold, *another* man running alone. And the king ſaid, He alſo bringeth tidings.

27 And the watchman ſaid, Me thinketh the running of the foremoſt, is like the running of Ahimaaz the ſon of Zadok. And the king ſaid, He *is* a good man, and cometh with good tidings.

28 And Ahimaaz called, and ſaid unto the king, All is well. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and ſaid, Bleſſed be the LORD thy God, which hath delivered up the men that liſt up their hand againſt my lord the king.

29 And the king ſaid, Is the young man Abſalom ſafe? And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab ſent the king's ſervant, and me thy ſervant, I ſaw a great tumult, but I knew not what *it was*.

30 And the king ſaid *unto him*, Turn aſide, and ſtand here. And he turned aſide, and ſtood ſtill.

31 And behold, Cuſhi came, and Cuſhi ſaid, Tidings my lord the king: for the LORD hath avenged thee this day of all them that roſe up againſt thee.

32 And the king ſaid unto Cuſhi, Is the young man Abſalom ſafe? and Cuſhi answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that riſe againſt thee to do thee hurt, be as that young man *is*.

33 ¶ And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he ſaid, O my ſon Abſalom, my ſon, my ſon Abſalom: would God I had died for thee, O Abſalom, my ſon, my ſon.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *Joab cauſeth the king to ceaſe his mourning: 9 The Iſraelites bring the king back. 18 Shimei is pardoned. 24 Meraboth is executed.*

AND it was told Joab, Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Abſalom.

2 And the victory that day was turned into mourning unto all the people: for the people heard ſay that day, how the king was grieved for his ſon.

3 And the people gat them by ſtealth that day into y^e city, as people being ſhamed ſteal away when they flee in battel.

4 But the king covered his face, and the king cryed with a loud voice, O my ſon Abſalom, O Abſalom, my ſon, my ſon.

5 And Joab came into the houſe to the king, and ſaid, Thou haſt ſhamed this day the faces of all thy ſervants, which this day have ſaved thy life, and the lives of thy ſons, and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives of thy concubines:

6 In that thou loveſt thine enemies, and hateſt thy friends: for thou haſt declared this day, that thou regardſt neither princes, nor ſervants: for this day I perceive, that if Abſalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleaſed thee well.

7 Now therefore ariſe, go forth, and ſpeak comfortably unto thy ſervants: for I ſwear by the LORD, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry one with thee this night; and that will be worſe unto thee than all the evil that beſell thee from thy youth until now.

8 Then the king rose, and sat in the gate: he had neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard: & they told unto all the people, saying, his beard, nor washed his clothes, from morning to evening: behold, the king doth sit in the gate: the day the king departed, untill the day and all the people came before the king: he came again in peace.

9 ¶ And all the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, the king said unto him, wherefore wentest thou with me, Mephibosheth? The king said unto all of the hand of our enemies, and he delivered us out of the hand of the Philistines, and now he is fled out of the land for Absalom.

10 And Absalom whom we anointed over us, is dead in battel: now therefore why speak ye not a word of bringing the king back?

11 ¶ And king David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, speak unto the elders of Judah, saying, why are ye the last to bring the king back to his house? (seeing the speech of all Israel is come to the king, even to his house.)

12 Ye are my brethren, ye are my bones and my flesh: wherefore then are ye the last to bring back the king?

13 And say ye to Amasai, Art thou not of my bone, and of my flesh? God do so to me and more also, if thou be not captain of the host before me continually in the room of Joab.

14 And he bowed the heart of all the men of Judah, even as the heart of one man, so that they sent this word unto the king, Return thou and all thy servants.

15 So the king returned, and came to Jordan: and Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to conduct the king over Jordan.

16 ¶ And Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite, which was of Bahurim, halted and came down with the men of Judah, to meet king David.

17 And there were a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him, and they went over Jordan before the king.

18 And there went over a ferry-boat to carry over the king's household, and to do what he thought good: and Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king as he was come over Jordan.

19 And said unto the king, Let not my lord impute iniquity unto me, neither do thou remember that which thy servant did perversely the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should take it to his heart.

20 For thy servant doth know that I have sinned: therefore behold, I am come the first this day of all the house of Joseph, to go down to meet my lord the king.

21 But Abishai the son of Neriab answered and said, Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the LORDS anointed?

22 And David said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah, that ye should this day be adversaries unto me? Shall there any man be put to death this day in Israel? for do not I know, that I am this day king over Israel?

23 Therefore the king said unto Shimei, Thou shalt not die: and the king swore unto him.

24 ¶ And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king, and

25 And it came to pass when he was come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said unto him, wherefore wentest thou with me, Mephibosheth?

26 And he answered, My lord O king, my servant deceived me; for thy servant said, I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride thereon, and go to the king, because thy servant is lame.

27 And he hath slandered thy servant unto my lord the king, but my lord the king is as an angel of God: do therefore what is good in thine eyes.

28 For all of my fathers house, were but dead men before my lord the king: yet didst thou set thy servant among them that did eat at thine own table: what right therefore have I yet to cry any more unto the king?

29 And the king said unto him, why speakest thou any more of thy matters? I have said, Thou and Ziba divide the land.

30 And Mephibosheth said unto the king, Yea, let him take all, forasmuch as my lord the king is come again in peace unto his own house.

31 ¶ And Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim, & went over Jordan with the king, to conduct him over Jordan.

32 Now Barzillai was a very aged man, even fourscore years old, & he had provided the king of sustenance while he lay at Mahanaim: for he was a very great man.

33 And the king said unto Barzillai, Come thou over with me, and I will feed thee with me in Jerusalem.

34 And Barzillai said unto the king, How long have I to live, that I should go up with the king unto Jerusalem?

35 I am this day fourscore years old: and can I discern between good and evil? can thy servant taste what I eat or what I drink? Can I hear any more the voice of singing-men and singing-women? wherefore then should thy servant be yet a burden unto my lord the king?

36 Thy servant will go a little way over Jordan with the king: and why should the king recompense it me with such a reward?

37 Let thy servant, I pray thee, turn back again, that I may die in mine own city, and be buried by the grave of my father, and of my mother: but behold thy servant Chimham, let him go over with my lord the king, and do to him what shall seem good unto thee.

38 And the king answered, Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good unto thee: and whatsoever thou shalt require of me, that will I do for thee.

39 And all the people went over Jordan, and when the king was come over, the king kissed Barzillai, and blessed him; and he returned unto his own place.

40 Then the king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with him: and all the people of Judah conducted the king, and also half the people of Israel.

41 ¶ And behold, all the men of Israel came to the king, and said unto the king, Why have our brethren the men of Judah

dah stolen thee away, and have brought the king and his household, and all Davids men with him over Jordan ?

42 And all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, Because y^e king is near of kin to us : wherefore then be ye angry for this matter? have we eaten at all of the kings *cost* ? or hath he given us any gift ?

43 And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said, We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more right in David then ye : why then did ye despise us, that our advice should not be first had in bringing back our king ? And the words of the men of Judah were fiercer then the words of the men of Israel.

C H A P. XX.

1 Sheba maketh a partie in Israel. 4 Amasa is slain. 14 Joab pursueth Sheba to Abel. 16 A wise woman saveth the city by Sheba's head.

And there hapned to be there a man of Belial, whose name was Sheba the son of Bichri, a Benjamite, and he blew a trumpet, and said, we have no part in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse : every man to his tents, O Israel.

2 So every man of Israel went up from after David, and followed Sheba the son of Bichri : but y^e men of Judah clave unto their king, from Jordan even to Jerusalem.

3 ¶ And David came to his house at Jerusalem, and the king took the ten women his concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in ward, and fed them, but went not in unto them : so they were shut up unto the day of their death, living in widowhood.

4 ¶ Then said the king to Amasa, Assemble me the men of Judah within three dayes, and be thou here present.

5 So Amasa went to assemble the men of Judah : but he tarried longer then the settime which he had appointed him.

6 And David said to Abishai, Now shall Sheba the son of Bichri do us more harm then did Absalom : take thou thy lords servants, and pursue after him, lest he get him fenced cities, and escape us.

7 And there went out after him Joabs men, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and all the mighty men : and they went out of Jerusalem : to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

8 When they were at the great stone which is in Gibeon, Amasa went before them : and Joabs garment that he had put on, was girded unto him, and upon it a girdle with a sword fastened upon his loins in the sheath thereof, and as he went forth it fell out.

9 And Joab said to Amasa, Art thou in health, my brother ? and Joab took Amasa by the beard with the right hand to kiss him.

10 But Amasa took no heed to the sword that was in Joabs hand : so he smote him therewith in the fifth rib, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and strook him yet again, and he died : so Joab and Abishai his brother pursued after Sheba the son of Bichri.

11 And one of Joabs men stood by him, and said, He that favourerth Joab, and he that is for David, let him go after Joab.

12 And Amasa wallowed in blood in the midst of the high way : and when the

man saw that all the people stood still, he removed Amasa out of the high way into the field, and cast a cloth upon him, when he saw that every one that came by him, stood still.

13 When he was removed out of the high way, all the people went on after Joab, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

14 ¶ And he went through all the tribes of Israel unto Abel, and to Beth-machab, and all the Berites : and they were gathered together, and went also after him.

15 And they came and besieged him in Abel of Beth-machab, and they cast up a bank against the city, and it stood in the trench : and all the people that were with Joab, battered the wall, to throw it down.

16 ¶ Then cryed a wise woman out of the city, Hear, hear : say, I pray you, unto Joab, Come near hither, that I may speak with thee.

17 And when he was come near unto her, the woman said, Art thou Joab ? And he answered, I am he. Then she said unto him, Hear the words of thine handmaid. And he answered, I do hear.

18 Then she spake, saying, They were wont to speak in old time, saying, They shall surely ask counsel at Abel : and so they ended the matter.

19 I am one of them that are peaceable and faithfull in Israel : thou seekest to destroy a city, and a mother in Israel : why wilt thou swallow up the inheritance of the LORD ?

20 And Joab answered and said, Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy.

21 The matter is not so : but a man of mount Ephraim (Sheba the son of Bichri by name) hath lift up his hand against the king, even against David : deliver him quickly, & I will depart from the city. And the woman said unto Joab, Behold, his head shall be thrown to thee over y^e wall.

22 Then the woman went unto all the people in her wisdom, and they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and cast it out to Joab : and he blew a trumpet, and they retired from the city, every man to his tent : and Joab returned to Jerusalem unto the king.

23 ¶ Now Joab was over all the host of Israel : and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites, and over the Pelethites :

24 And Adoram was over the tribute : and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder :

25 And Sheva was scribe : and Zadok and Abiathar were the priests :

26 And Ira also the Jairite was a chief ruler about David.

C H A P. XXI.

1 The three years famine for the Gibeonites, cease, by hanging seven of Sauls sons. 10 Rizpahs kindness. 15 Four battles against the Philistines.

Then there was a famine in the dayes of David, three years, year after year : and David enquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites.

2 And the king called the Gibeonites, and said unto them, (now the Gibeonites

were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites, and the children of Israel had sworn unto them: and Saul sought to slay them, in his zeal to the children of Israel and Judah.)

3 Wherefore David said unto y Gibeonites, What shall I do for you? and where-with shall I make the atonement, that ye may blesse the inheritance of the LORD?

4 And the Gibeonites said unto him, We will have no silver nor gold of Saul, nor of his house, neither for us shalt thou kill any man in Israel. And he said, What you shall say, that will I do for you.

5 And they answered the king, The man that consumed us, & that devised against us, that we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the coasts of Israel,

6 Let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto the LORD in Gibeah of Saul, whom the LORD did choofe. And the king said, I will give them.

7 But the king spared Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of the LORDS oath that was between them, between David, and Jonathan the son of Saul.

8 But the king took y two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bare unto Saul, Armoni, and Mephibosheth, and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she brought up for Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite.

9 And he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in the hill before the LORD: and they fell all seven together, and were put to death in the dayes of harvest, in the first dayes, in the beginning of barley harvest.

10 ¶ And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest, untill water dropped upon them out of heaven, and suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night.

11 And it was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah the concubine of Saul had done.

12 And David went and took the bones of Saul, and the bones of Jonathan his son, from the men of Iabesh-gilead, which had stolen them from the street of Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hanged them, when the Philistines had slain Saul in Gilboa.

13 And he brought up from thence the bones of Saul, and the bones of Jonathan his son, and they gathered the bones of them that were hanged.

14 And the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son, buried they in the countrey of Benjamin in Zelah, in the sepulchre of Kish his father; and they performed all that the king commanded: and after that, God was intreated for the land.

15 ¶ Moreover, the Philistines had yet war again with Israel, and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines; and David waxed faint.

16 And Ishbi-benob, which was of the sons of the giant, (the weight of whose spear weighed three hundred shekels of brass in weight) he being girded with a new sword, thought to have slain David,

17 But Abihai the son of Zeruiah succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David swore unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with us to battel, that thou quench not the light of Israel.

18 And it came to passe after this, that there was again a battel with the Philistines at Gob: then Sib-bechai the Hushathite slew Saph, which was of the sons of the giant.

19 And there was again a battel in Gob w the Philistines, were Elhanan the son of Jaare-Oregim a Beth-lehemite, slew the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weavers beam.

20 And there was yet a battel in Gath, where was a man of a great stature, and had on every hand six fingers, & on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the giant.

21 And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea the brother of David slew him.

22 These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

CHAP. XXII.

A thanksgiving for Gods powerfull deliverance, and manifold blessings.

AND David spake unto the LORD the words of this song, in the day that the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul.

1 And he said, The LORD is my rock and my fortress, and my deliverer,

2 The God of my rock, in him will I trust, he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation; my high tower, and my refuge, my Saviour, thou savest me from violence.

3 I will call on the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

4 When the waves of death compassed me: the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.

5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

6 In my distresse I called upon the LORD, and cryed to my God, and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry d d enter into his ears.

7 Then the earth shook and trembled: the foundations of heaven moved and shook because he was wroth.

8 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

9 He bowed the heavens also and came down: and darkness was under his feet.

10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did flie: and he was seen upon the wings of the winde.

11 And he made darkness pavilions round about him, dark waters, and thick clouds of the skies.

12 Through the brightness before him were coals of fire kindled.

13 The LORD thundred from heavens, and the most High uttered his voyce.

14 And he sent out arrows, and scattered them; lightning, and discomfited them.

15 And the chabells of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were discovered, at the rebuking of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.

17 He sent from above, he took me: he drew me out of many waters.

18 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them that hated me: for they were too strong for me.

19 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.

20 He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

21 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness: according to my cleanness my hands hath he recompensed me.

22 For I have kept the wayes of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

23 For all his judgements were before me: and as for his statutes, I did not depart from them.

24 I was also upright before him, and have kept my self from mine iniquity.

25 Therefore the LORD hath recompensed me according to my righteousness: according to my cleanness in his eye-sight.

26 With the mercifull thou wilt shew thy self mercifull, and with the upright man thou wilt shew thy self upright.

27 With the pure thou wilt shew thy self pure: and with the froward thou wilt shew thy self unfavoury.

28 And the afflicted people thou wilt save: but thine eyes are upon the haughty, that thou mayest bring them down.

29 For thou art my lamp, O LORD: and the LORD will lighten my darkness.

30 For by thee I have run through a troupe: by my God have I leaped over a wall.

31 As for God, his way is perfect, the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him.

32 For who is God, save the LORD? and who is a rock, save our God?

33 God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect.

34 He maketh my feet like hinds feet: and setteth me upon my high places.

35 He reacheth my hands to war: so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

36 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy gentleness, hath made me great.

37 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me: so that my feet did not slip.

38 I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them: and turned not again untill I had consumed them.

39 And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise: yea, they are fallen under my feet.

40 For thou hast girded me with strength to battle: them that rose up against me, hast thou subdued under me.

41 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me.

42 They looked, but there was none to save: even unto the LORD, but he answered them not.

43 Then did I bear them as small as the dust of the earth, I did stamp them as the mire of the street, and did spread them abroad.

44 Thou also hast delivered me from the strivings of my people, thou hast kept me to be head of the heathen: a people which I knew not, shall serve me.

45 Strangers shall submit themselves unto me: as soon as they hear, they shall be obedient unto me.

46 Strangers shall fade away, and they shall be afraid out of their close places.

47 The LORD liveth, and blessed be my Rock, and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation.

48 It is God that avengeth me, and that bringeth down the people under me,

49 And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies: thou also hast lifted me up on high above them that rose up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

50 Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and I will sing praises unto thy name.

51 He is the tower of salvation for his king: and sheweth mercy to his anointed, unto David, and to his seed for evermore.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 David professeth his faith in Gods promises, to be beyond sense or experience.

2 The different state of the wicked.

Now these be the last words of David: David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,

2 The spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue.

3 The God of Israel said, The Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in fear of God:

4 And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain.

5 Although my house be not so with God: yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and sure: for this is all my salvation, and all my desire, although he make it not to grow.

6 ¶ But the sons of Belial shall be all of them as thorns thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands.

7 But the man that shall touch them, must be fenced with iron, and the staff of a spear, and they shall be utterly burnt with fire in the same place.

8 ¶ These be the names of the mighty men whom David had. The Tachmonites that sat in the seat, chief among the captains, (the same was Adino the Ezrite) he lift up his spear against eight hundred, whom he slew at one time.

9 And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines that were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away.

10 He arose, and smote the Philistines untill his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword: and the LORD wrought a great victory that day, and the people returned after him onely to spoil.

11 And after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite: and the Philistines were gathered together into a troupe, where was a piece of ground full of lentiles: and the people fled from the Philistines.

12 But he stood in the midst of the ground

ground and defended it, and slew the Philistines: and the LORD wrought a great victory.

13 And three of the thirty chief went down and came to David in the harvest time, unto the cave of Adullam: and the troop of the Philistines pitched in the valley of Rephaim.

14 And David was then in an hold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Beth-lehem.

15 And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Beth-lehem, which is by the gate.

16 And the three mighty men brake through the host of the Philistines, and David against them, to say, Go number the water out of the well of Beth-lehem, I Israel and Judah.

that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: nevertheless he of the host, which was with him, Go now would not drink thereof, but poured it through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, and number ye the LORD.

17 And he said, Be it far from me, O people, that I may know the number of blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives: therefore he would not drink it: these things did these three mighty men.

18 And Abishai the brother of Joab, said, and that the eyes of my lord the son of Zeruiah, was chief amongking may see it: but why doth my lord three; and he lift up his spear against the king delight in this thing?

three hundred, and slew them, and had the name among three.

19 Was he not most honourable of three? therefore he was their captain: howbeit he attained not unto the first three.

20 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man, of Kabzeel, who had done many acts, he slew two lion-like men of Moab: he went down also and slew a city that lieth in the midst of the river of lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow.

21 And he slew an Egyptian, a goodly man: and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptians hand, and slew him with his own spear.

22 These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had the name among three mighty men.

23 He was more honourable then the thirrie, but he attained not to the first three: and David for him ever his guard.

24 Asahel the brother of Joab was one of the thirrie: Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem,

25 Shamnah the Harodite, Elika the Harodite,

26 Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite,

27 Abiezer the Anethothite, Meburnai the Hushathite,

28 Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netopharite,

29 Heleb the son of Baanah, a Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai out of Gibeon of the children of Benjamin,

30 Benaiah the Pirathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of Gaath,

31 Abi-alon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite,

32 Eliahba the Shaalbomite: of the sons of Issachar, Jonathan,

33 Shamnah the Hararite, Abiam the son of Sharai the Hararite,

34 Eliphelet the son of Ahasai, the son of the Machathite, Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite,

35 Hozrai the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite,

36 Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite,

37 Zelak the Ammonite, Naharai the Beerothite, armour-bearer to Joab the son of Zeruiah,

38 Ira an Ithrite, Gareb an Ithrite,

39 Uriah the Hittite: thirty & seven in all.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 David numbereth the people. 10 David having three plagues propounded by God, repenteth and chooseth the three dayes penitence. 18 The plague stayed.

And again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them, to say, Go number

For the king said to Joab the captain of the host, which was with him, Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, and number ye the people, that I may know the number of

And Joab said unto the king, Now the LORD thy God add unto the people

the LORD thy God add unto the people (how many soever they be) an hundred-

And that the eyes of my lord the king delight in this thing?

Notwithstanding, the kings word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the host: and Joab and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel.

5 ¶ And they passed over Jordan, and pitched in Arzer, on the right side of the city that lieth in the midst of the river of Gad, and toward Jazer.

6 Then they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahtim-hodshi; and they came to Dan-jaan, and about to Zidon,

7 And came to the strong hold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites: and they went out to the south of Judah, even to Beer-sheba.

8 So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine moneths and twenty dayes.

9 And Joab gave up the sum of the number of the people unto the king, and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword;

and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men.

10 ¶ And Davids heart smote him, after that he had numbered the people: and David said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now I beseech thee, O LORD, take away the iniquitie of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.

11 For when David was up in the morning, the word of the LORD came unto the prophet Gad, Davids seer, saying,

12 Go and say unto David, Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee three things; choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee.

13 So Gad came to David, and told him and said unto him, Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou see three moneths before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be three dayes penitence in thy land? now advise and see what answer

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 14 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the LORD, (for his mercies are great) and let me not fall into the hand of man.

15 So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel, from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beer-sheba, seventy thousand men.

16 And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thy hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing-place of Araunah the Jebusite.

17 And David spake unto the LORD when he saw the angel that smote the people; and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my fathers house.

18 ¶ And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the LORD, in the threshing-floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

19 And David, according to the saying of Gad, went up as the LORD commanded, in the threshing-floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

20 And Araunah looked, and saw that the plague was stayed from Israel.

king and his servants coming on toward him: and Araunah went out and bowed himself before the king on his face upon the ground.

21 And Araunah said, wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshing-floor of thee to build an altar unto the LORD, that the plague may be stayed from the people.

22 And Araunah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good unto him: behold, *behold* be oxen for burnt-sacrifice, and threshing-instruments, and other instruments of the oxen for wood.

23 All these things did Araunah, as a king, give unto the king: and Araunah said unto the king, The LORD thy God accept thee.

24 And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt-offerings unto the LORD my God, of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshing-floor and the oxen, for fifty shekels of silver.

25 And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt-offerings, and peace-offerings: so the LORD was pacified toward Israel, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

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CHAP. I.

1 **Abishag cherished David.** 3 **Adonijah usurpeth the kingdom.** 32 **Solomon is anointed.** 41 **Adonijah fleeth.**

Now king David was old, and stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat.

2 Wherefore his servants said unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin, and let her stand before the king, and let her cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may get heat.

3 So they sought for a fair damsel throughout all the coasts of Israel, and found Abishag a Shunammite, and brought her to the king.

4 And the damsel was very fair, and cherished the king, and ministered to him: but the king knew her not.

5 ¶ Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him.

6 And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also was very goodly man; and his mother bare him after Absalom.

7 And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest, and they following Adonijah helped him.

8 But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men which belonged to David, were not with Adonijah.

9 And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen, and fat cattle, by the stone of Zoheleth, that the priest, and Joab the captain of the host, and all the men of Judah the king's servants.

10 But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother he called not.

11 Wherefore Nathan spake unto Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth it not?

12 Now therefore come, let me I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon.

13 Go, and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reign?

14 Behold, while thou yet talkest these words with the king, I will also come in after thee, and confirm thy words.

15 ¶ And Bath-sheba went in unto the king, into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite ministered unto the king.

16 And Bath-sheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king: and the king said, What wouldst thou?

17 And she said unto him, My lord, thou swearst by the LORD thy God unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne:

18 And now behold, Adonijah reigneth; and now my lord the king, thou knowest it not.

19 And he hath slain oxen, and fat cattle, and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the host: but Solomon thy servant hath he not called.

20 And thou, my lord, O king, the eyes

Solomon anointed king.

Chap. ii.

Adonijah yearest.

of all Israel ~~are~~ upon thee, that thou shouldst tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

21 Otherwise it shall come to passe, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted offenders.

22 ¶ And lo, while he yet talked with ¶ king, Nathan the prophet also came in.

23 And they told the king, saying, Behold, Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground.

24 And Nathan said, My lord, O king, halt thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne?

25 For he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen, and fat cartel, and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the kings sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, God save king Adonijah.

26 But me, even me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon hath not called.

27 Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not shewed it unto thy servant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?

28 ¶ Then king David answered and said, Call me Bath-sheba: and she came into the kings presence, and stood before the king.

29 And the king sware, and said, As the LORD liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distresse,

30 Even as I sware unto thee by the LORD God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day.

31 Then Bath-sheba bowed with her face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live for ever.

32 ¶ And king David said, Call me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came before the king.

33 The king also said unto them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon.

34 And let Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon.

35 Then ye shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel, and over Judah.

36 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: the LORD God of my lord the king say so too.

37 As the LORD hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David.

38 So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon

to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon.

39 And Zadok the priest took an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon: and they blew the trumpet, and all the people said, God save king Solomon.

40 And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

41 ¶ And Adonijah and all the guests that ~~were~~ with him, heard it as they had made an end of eating: and when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Wherefore is this noise of the city, being in an uproar?

42 And while he yet spake, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came, and Adonijah said unto him, Come in, for thou ~~art~~ a valiant man, and bringest good tidings.

43 And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king.

44 And the king hath sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the kings mule.

45 And Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon: and they are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang again: this is the noise that ye have heard.

46 And also Solomon sitteth on the throne of the kingdom.

47 And moreover, the kings servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater then thy throne: and the king bowed himself upon the bed.

48 And also thus said the king, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which hath given me one to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing it.

49 And all the guests that ~~were~~ with Adonijah, were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way.

50 ¶ And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

51 And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon: for lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me to day, that he will not slay his servant with the sword.

52 And Solomon said, If he will shew himself a worthy man, there shall not an hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die.

53 So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar; and he came and bowed himself to king Solomon: and Solomon said unto him, Go to thine house.

CHAP. II.

1 David having given a charge to Solomon, 10 dieth. 12 Solomon succeedeth.

13 Adonijah is put to death. 25 Joab is slain. 36 Shimei's death.

NOW the days of David drew nigh, that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying,

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2 I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thy self a man.

3 And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his wayes, to keep his statutes and his commandments and his judgements and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thy self:

4 That the LORD may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth, with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.

5 Moreover, thou knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, and what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto Abner the son of Ner, and unto Amasa the son of Iether, whom he slew, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that was about his loins, and in his shoes that were on his feet.

6 Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down to the grave in peace.

7 But shew kindness unto the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table: for so they came to me when I fled because of Absalom thy brother.

8 And behold, thou hast with thee Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, which cursed me with a grievous curse, in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I sware to him by the LORD, saying, I will not put thee to death with the sword.

9 Now therefore hold him not guiltless: for thou art a wise man, and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto him; but his hoar head bring thou down to the grave with blood.

10 So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David.

11 And the days that David reigned over Israel, were forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

12 ¶ Then sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father, and his kingdom was established greatly.

13 ¶ And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon, and the said, Comest thou peaceably? and he said, Peaceably.

14 He said moreover, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And she said, Say on.

15 And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and that all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brothers: for it was his from the LORD.

16 And now I ask one petition of thee, deny me not. And she said unto him, Say on.

17 And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king (for he will not say thee nay) that he give me Abihag the Shunammite to wife.

18 And Bath-sheba said, well, I will speak for thee unto the king.

19 ¶ Bath-sheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for

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Adonijah: and the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a fear to be set for the kings mother; and she sat on his right hand.

20 Then she said, I desire one small petition of thee, I pray thee say me not nay. And the king said unto her, Ask on, my mother, for I will not say thee nay.

21 And she said, Let Abihag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah thy brother to wife.

22 And king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, And why doest thou ask Abihag the Shunammite for Adonijah? Ask for him the kingdom also; (for he is mine elder brother) even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah.

23 Then king Solomon sware by the LORD, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against his own life.

24 Now therefore, is the LORD liveth, which hath established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and who hath made me an house, as he promised, Adonijah shall be put to death this day.

25 And king Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and he fell upon him that he died.

26 ¶ And unto Abiathar the priest said the king, Get thee to Anathoth, unto thine own fields, for thou art worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou barest the ark of the LORD GOD before David my father, and because thou hast been afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted.

27 So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto the LORD: thus he might fulfill the word of the LORD, which he spake concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.

28 ¶ The tidings came to Joab, (for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Absalom) and Joab fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

29 And it was told king Solomon that Joab was fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD, and behold, he is by the altar: then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go fall upon him.

30 And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of the LORD, and said unto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth. And he said, Nay, but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me.

31 And the king said unto him, Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; that thou mayest take away the innocent blood, which Joab shed, from me, and from the house of my father.

32 And the LORD shall return his blood upon his own head, who fell upon two men more righteous and better than he, and slew them with the sword, my father David not knowing thereof, to wit, Abner the son of Ner, captain of the host of Israel, and Amasa the son of Iether, captain of the host of Judah.

33 Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his seed for ever: but upon David, and upon his seed, and upon his house,

house, and upon his throne shall there be peace for ever from the LORD.

34 So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and fell upon him, and slew him; and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness.

35 ¶ And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his room over the host; and Zadok the priest did the king put in the room of Abiathar.

36 ¶ And the king sent, and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Build thee an house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and go not forth thence any whither.

37 For it shall be that on the day thou goest out, and passist over the brook Kidron, thou shalt know for certain, that thou shalt surely die: thy blood shall be upon thine own head.

38 And Shimei said unto the king, The saying is good: as my lord the king hath said, so will thy servant do. And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many dayes.

39 And it came to passe at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away unto Achish son of Maa-chah king of Gath; and they told Shimei, saying, Behold, thy servants be in Gath.

40 And Shimei arose and saddled his asse, and went to Gath to Achish to seek his servants: and Shimei went and brought his servants from Gath.

41 And it was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and was come again.

42 And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Did I not make thee to swear by the LORD, and protested unto thee, saying, Know for a certain, that on the day thou goest out, and walkest abroad any whither, that thou shalt surely die? and thou saidst unto me, The word that I have heard, is good.

43 Why then hast thou not kept the oath of the LORD, and the commandment that I have charged thee with?

44 The king said moreover to Shimei, Thou knowest all the wickedness which thine heart is privie to, that thou didst do to David my father: therefore the LORD shall return thy wickedness upon thine own head;

45 And king Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the LORD for ever.

46 So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, which went out and fell upon him, that he died: and the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

CHAP. III.

1 Solomon marrieth Pharaoh's daughter.

5 His choice. 16 His judgement between the two harlots.

AND Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall of Jerusalem round about.

2 Only the people sacrificed in high places, because there was no house built unto the name of the LORD, until those dayes.

3 And Solomon loved the LORD,

walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places.

4 And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt-offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar.

5 ¶ In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

6 And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee, and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

7 And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king in stead of David my father: & I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.

8 And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbred nor counted for multitude.

9 Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart, to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

10 And the speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing.

11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thy self long life: neither hast asked riches for thy self, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies, but hast asked for thy self understanding to discern judgement;

12 Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wife and an understanding heart, so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

13 And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee, all thy dayes.

14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy dayes.

15 And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream: and he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt-offerings, and offered peace-offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

16 ¶ Then came there two women that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him.

17 And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house, and I was delivered of a child, with her in the house.

18 And it came to passe the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house: save we two in the house.

19 And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it.

20 And she arose at midnight, and took my son from betide me, while mine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom.

The two harlots.

21 And when I arose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear.

22 And the other woman said, Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son: and this said, No; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son. Thus they spake before the king.

23 Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living.

24 And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king.

25 And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.

26 Then spake the woman whose the living child was, unto the king, (for her bowels yearned upon her son) and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: but the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it.

27 Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof.

28 And all Israel heard of the judgement which the king had judged, and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgement.

CHAP. IIII.

1 *Solomons princes. 7 His twelve officers.*

20, 24 *The peace and largeness of his kingdom. 29 His wisdom.*

So king Solomon was king over all Israel.

2 And these were the princes which he had, Azariah the son of Zadok, the priest:

3 Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha, scribes: Jehohaphat the son of Ahilud, the recorder:

4 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the host: and Zadok and Abiathar were the priests:

5 And Azariah the son of Nathan was over the officers: and Zabud the son of Nathan was principall officer, and the kings friend.

6 And Ahithar was over the household: and Adoniram the son of Abda was over the tribute.

7 ¶ And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, which provided victuals for the king and his household: each man his month in a year made provision.

8 And these are their names: the son of Hur, in mount Ephraim.

9 The son of Dekar, in Makaz, and in Shalbim, and Beth-shean, and Elon-beth-hanan.

10 The son of Hefed, in Aruboth, to him pertained Socoh, and all the land of Hopher.

11 The son of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor, which had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife.

12 Baanah the son of Ahilud, to him pertained Tannach and Megiddo, and all Beth-shean, which is by Zartanah beneath Jezreel, from Beth-shean to Abel-meholah, even unto the place that is beyond Jolucan.

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13 The son of Geber, in Ramoth-gilead, to him pertained the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which are in Gilead: to him also pertained the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, threescore great cities with walls, and brazen bars.

14 Ahinadab the son of Iddo had Manahaim.

15 Ahimaz was in Naphtali; he also took Basmath the daughter of Solomon to wife.

16 Baanah the son of Hushai was in Asher and in Aloth.

17 Jehohaphat the son of Parnah, in Issachar.

18 Shimei the son of Elah, in Benjamin.

19 Geber the son of Uri was in the country of Gilead, in the country of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan; and he was the only officer which was in the land.

20 ¶ Judah and Israel were many, as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry.

21 And Solomon reigned over all kingdoms, from the river unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life.

22 ¶ And Solomons provision for one day, was thirty measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal;

23 Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep, beside harts, and roe-bucks, and fallow-deer, and fatted fowl.

24 For he had dominion over all the region on this side the river, from Tiphah even to Azah over all the kings on this side the river: and he had peace on all sides round about him.

25 And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine, and under his fig-tree, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, all the days of Solomon.

26 ¶ And Solomon had fourty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.

27 And those officers provided victuals for king Solomon, and for all that came unto king Solomons table; every man his month: they lacked nothing.

28 Barley also and straw for the horses and dromedaries brought they unto the place where the officers were, every man according to his charge.

29 ¶ And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding, exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.

30 And Solomons wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt.

31 For he was wiser then all men; then Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about.

32 And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five.

33 And he spake of trees, from the cedar-tree that is in Lebanon, even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowls, and of creeping things, and of fishes.

14 And there came of all people, to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all lands of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.

CHAP. V.

1 Hiram sending to congratulate Solomon, profereth himber to build the temple. 11 Solomons workmen and labourers.

AND Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; (for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father) for Hiram was ever a lover of David.

2 And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,

3 Thou knowest how that David my father could not build an house unto the name of the LORD his God, for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet.

4 But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary, nor evil occurrent.

5 And behold, I purpose to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will for upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house unto my name.

6 Now therefore command thou, that they hew me cedar-trees out of Lebanon, and my servants shall be with thy servants: and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants, according to all that thou shalt appoint: for thou knowest that there is not among us any that can skill to hew timber, like unto the Sidonians.

7 ¶ And it came to passe, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be the LORD this day, which hath given unto David a wise son over this great people.

8 And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have considered the things which thou hast said to me for: and I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning hire of fir.

9 My servants shall bring them down from Lebanon unto the sea: and I will convey them by sea in floots, unto the place that thou shalt appoint me, and will cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receive them: and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household.

10 So Hiram gave Solomon cedar-trees, and fir-trees, according to all his desire.

11 And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat for food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oyl: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.

12 And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and they two made a league together.

13 ¶ And king Solomon raised a levie out of all Israel, and the levie was thirty thousand men.

14 And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home: and Adoniram was over the levie.

15 And Solomon had threecore and

ten thousand that bore burdens, and fourscore thousand hewers in the mountains:

16 Besides the chief of Solomons officers which were over the work, three thousand and three hundred, which ruled over the people that wrought in the work.

17 And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house.

18 And Solomons builders, and Hiram builders did hew them, and the hewers squared: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

CHAP. VI.

1 The building of Solomons temple.

11 Gods promise unto it. 37 The time of building it.

AND it came to passe in the four hundred & fourscore year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomons reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD.

2 And the house which king Solomon built for the LORD, the length thereof was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits.

3 And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; and ten cubits was the breadth thereof, before the house.

4 And for the house he made windows of narrow light.

5 ¶ And against the wall of the house he built chambers round about, against the walls of the house round about, both of the temple, and of the oracle: and he made chambers round about.

6 The innermost chamber was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad: for without in the wall of the house he made narrowed rests round about, that the beams should not be fastened in the walls of the house.

7 And the house when it was in building, was built of stone, made ready before it was brought thither: for that there was neither hammer, nor ax, nor any tool of iron heard, in the house, while it was in building.

8 The door for the middle chamber was in the right side of the house: and they went up with winding stairs into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third.

9 So he built the house and finished it, and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar.

10 And then he built chambers against all the house, five cubits high: and they rested on the house with timber of cedar.

11 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying,

12 Concerning this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgements, and keep all my commandments to walk in them: then will I prosper my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father.

13 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.

14 So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

15 And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house, and the walls of the ceiling: and he covered them on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir.

16 And he built twenty cubits on the sides of the house, both the floor, and the walls with boards of cedar: he even built them for it within, even for the oracle, even for the most holy place.

17 And the house, that is, the temple before it, was forty cubits long.

18 And the cedar of the house within was carved with knops and open flowers: all was cedar, there was no stone seen.

19 And the oracle he prepared in the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

20 And the oracle in the forepart was twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof: and he overlaid it with pure gold, and so covered the altar which was of cedar.

21 So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold: and he made a partition, by the chains of gold before the oracle, and he overlaid it with gold.

22 And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the house: also the whole altar that was by the oracle he overlaid with gold.

23 ¶ And within the oracle he made two cherubims of olive-tree, each ten cubits high.

24 And five cubits was the onewing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other were ten cubits.

25 And the other cherub was ten cubits: both the cherubims were of one measure, and one size.

26 The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was it of the other cherub.

27 And he set the cherubims within the inner house: and they stretched forth the wings of the cherubims, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall: and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house.

28 And he overlaid the cherubims with gold.

29 And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubims, and palm-trees, and open flowers, within and without.

30 And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without.

31 ¶ And for the entering of the oracle he made doors of olive-tree: the lintel and side posts were a fifth part of the wall.

32 The two doors also were of olive-tree, and he carved upon them carvings of cherubims, and palm-trees, and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold, and spread gold upon the cherubims, and upon the palm-trees.

33 So also made he for the door of the temple, posts of olive-tree a fourth part of the wall.

34 And the two doors were of fir-tree, the two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding.

35 And he carved thereon cherubims, and palm-trees, and open flowers: and covered them with gold, fitted upon the carved work.

36 ¶ And he built the inner court with three rows of hewed stone, and a row of cedar beams.

37 ¶ In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the LORD laid in the month Zif.

38 And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, (which is the eighth month) was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it: So was he seven years in building it.

CHAP. VII.

1 The building of Solomon's house. 2 Of the house of Lebanon. 3 Of the house for Pharaoh's daughter.

But Solomon was building his house thirteen years, and he finished all his house.

2 ¶ He built also the house of the forest of Lebanon; the length thereof was an hundred cubits, & the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars with cedar beams upon the pillars.

3 And it was covered with cedar above upon the beams, that lay on forty pillars, fifteen in a row.

4 And there were windows in three rows, and light was against light in three ranks.

5 And all the doors and posts were square, with the windows: and light was against light in three ranks.

6 ¶ And he made a porch of pillars: the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth thereof thirty cubits, and the porch was before them: and the side pillars and the thick beam were before them.

7 ¶ Then he made a porch for the throne where he might judge, even the porch of judgement: and it was covered with cedar from one side of the floor to the other.

8 ¶ And his house where he dwelt, and another court within the porch, which was of the like work: Solomon made also an house for Pharaoh's daughter (whom he had taken to wife) like unto this porch.

9 All these were of costly stones, according to the measures of hewed stones, and with saws, within and without, even from the foundation unto the coping, and from the outside toward the great court.

10 And the foundation was of costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits.

11 And above were costly stones (after the measures of hewed stones) and cedars.

12 And the great court round about was with three rows of hewed stones, and a row of cedar-beams, both for the inner court of the house of the LORD, and for the porch of the house.

13 ¶ And king Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre.

29 He was a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass; and he was filled with wisdom and understanding, and cunning to work all works in brass; and he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work.

30 For he cast two pillars of brass of eighteen cubits high apiece: and a line of twelve cubits did compass either of them about.

31 And he made two chapiters of molten brass, to set upon the top of the pillars: the height of the one chapter was five cubits, and the height of the other chapter was five cubits:

32 And nets of checker-work, and wreathes of chain-work, for the chapiters which were upon the top of the pillars: seven for the one chapter, and seven for the other chapter.

33 And he made the pillars, and two rows round about upon the one net-work, to cover the chapiters that were upon the top, with pomegranates: and so did he for the other chapter.

34 And the chapiters that were upon the top of the pillars, were of lillie-work in the porch, four cubits.

35 And the chapiters upon the two pillars had pomegranates also above, over against the belly which was by the net-work: and the pomegranates were two hundred, in rows round about upon the other chapter.

36 And he set up the pillars in the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called the name thereof Jachin: and he set up the left pillar, and called the name thereof Boaz.

37 And upon the top of the pillars was lillie-work: so was the work of the pillars finished.

38 ¶ And he made a molten sea, ten cubits from the one brim to the other: it was round all about, and his height was five cubits: and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.

39 And under the brim of it round about there were knops compassing it, ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about: the knops were cast in two rows, when it was cast.

40 It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set above upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward.

41 And it was an hand-breadth thick, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it contained two thousand baths.

42 ¶ And he made ten bases of brass, four cubits was the length of one base, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits the height of it.

43 And the work of the bases was on this manner: They had borders, and the borders were between the ledges:

44 And on the borders that were between the ledges were lions, oxen, and cherubims: and upon the ledges, there was a base above: and beneath the lions and oxen were certain additions made of that pattern unto the house of the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table

30 And every base had four brazen wheels, and places of brass: and the four corners thereof had underfettors: under the laver were underfettors molten, at the side of every addition.

31 And the mouth of it within the chapter and above was a cubit: but the mouth thereof was round as the work of the base, a cubit and an half: and also upon the mouth of it were gravings with their borders, four-square, not round.

32 And under the borders were four wheels: and the axle-trees of the wheels were joyned to the base, and the height of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit.

33 And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot-wheel: their axle-trees, and their naves, and their felloes, and their spokes were all molten.

34 And there were four underfettors to the four corners of one base: and the underfettors were of the very base itself.

35 And in the top of a base was there a round compass of half a cubit high: and on the top of the base, the ledges thereof & the borders thereof were of the same.

36 For on the plates of the ledges thereof, and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubims, lions, and palm-trees, according to the proportion of every one, and additions round about.

37 After this manner he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one measure, and one size.

38 ¶ Then made he ten lavers of brass: one laver contained fourty baths: and every laver was four cubits, and upon every one of the ten bases, one laver.

39 And he put five bases on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and he set the sea on the right side of the house east-ward, over against the south.

40 ¶ And Hiram made the lavers, and the shovels, and the basins: so Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made king Solomon for the house of the LORD.

41 The two pillars, and the two bowls, of the chapiters that were on the top of the two pillars: and the two net-works, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters which were upon the top of the pillars:

42 And four hundred pomegranates for the two net-works, even two rows of pomegranates for one net-work, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters that were upon the pillars:

43 And the ten bases, and ten lavers on the bases:

44 And one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea:

45 And the pots, and the shovels, and the basins: and all these vessels which Hiram made to king Solomon, for the house of the LORD, were of bright brass.

46 In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them in the clay-ground, between Succoth and Zarthan.

47 And Solomon left all the vessels unwrought, because they were exceeding many: neither was the weight of the brass found out.

48 And Solomon made all the vessels of the house of the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table

of gold, whereupon the shew-bread was,
49 And the candlesticks of pure gold, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the oracle, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold,

50 And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the censers of pure gold; and the hinges of gold, both for the doors of the inner house, the most holy place, and for the doors of the house, to wit, of the temple.

51 So was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the house of the LORD; and Solomon brought in the things, which David his father had dedicated; even the silver, and the gold, and the vessels did he put among the treasures of the house of the LORD.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The feast of the dedication of the temple. 12, 34 Solomon's blessing. 22 His prayer. 62 His sacrifice of peace-offerings.

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon, in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD, out of the citie of David, which is Zion.

2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon, at the feast in the moneth Ethanim, which is the seventh month.

3 And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark.

4 And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and the Levites bring up.

5 And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep, and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

6 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, into the oracle of the house to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubims.

7 For the cherubims spread forth their two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark, and the stays thereof above.

8 And they drew out the stays, that the ends of the stays were seen out in the holy place before the oracle, and they were not seen without, and there they are unto this day.

9 There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

10 And it came to passe when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD,

11 So that the priests could not stand to minister, because of the cloud: for the glorie of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.

12 ¶ Then spake Solomon, The LORD said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.

13 I have surely builded her an house to dwell in, a sealed place for thee to abide in for ever.

14 And the king turned his face about, and blessed all the congregation of Israel (and all the congregation of Israel stood).

15 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which spake with his mouth unto David my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled it, saying,

16 Since the day that I brought forth my people Israel out of Egypt, I have not cited out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house that my name might be therein; but I chose David to be over my people Israel.

17 And it was in the heart of David my father, to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

18 And the LORD said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house unto my name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart:

19 Nevertheless thou shalt not build the house, but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build an house unto my name.

20 And the LORD hath performed his word that he spake, and I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

21 And I have set there a place for the ark, wherein is the covenant of the LORD, which be made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

22 ¶ And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD, in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven:

23 And he said, LORD God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepeth covenant and mercie with thy servants, that walk before thee with all their heart:

24 Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day.

25 Therefore now, LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my fight to sit on the throne of Israel; for thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as thou hast walked before me:

26 And now, O God of Israel, let thy word (I pray thee) be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father:

27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven, and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee, how much lesse this house that I have builded?

28 Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to day:

29 That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make towards this place.

30 And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray towards this

place : and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, & when thou hearest, forgive.

31 ¶ If any man trespass against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house :

32 Then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head, and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

33 ¶ When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall turn again to thee, and confesse thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee in this house :

34 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land, which thou gavest unto their fathers.

35 ¶ When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray towards this place, and confesse thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them :

36 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, that thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.

37 ¶ If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, or if there be caterpillar; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities, whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness there be;

38 What prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands towards this house :

39 Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his wayes, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only knowest the hearts of all the children of men)

40 That they may fear thee all the dayes that they live, in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

41 Moreover, concerning a stranger that is not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far countrey, for thy names sake;

42 (For they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched-out arm) when he shall come and pray towards this house :

43 Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as do thy people Israel, and that they may know that this house which I have builded, is called by thy name.

44 ¶ If thy people go out to battell against their enemy, whither soever thou shalt send them, and shall pray unto the LORD toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house that I have build for thy name :

45 Then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause.

46 If they sin against thee, (for there is no man that sineth not) and thou be

angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives, unto the land of the enemy, far or near;

47 Yet if they shall bethink themselves, in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickednesse;

48 And so return unto thee with all their heart and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray unto thee toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name :

49 Then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling place, and maintain their cause.

50 And forgive thy people that have sinned against thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee, and give them compassion before them who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them :

51 For they be thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron :

52 That thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them in all that they call for unto thee.

53 For thou didst spare them from among all the people of the earth, to be thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O LORD GOD.

54 And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees, with his hands spread up to heaven.

55 And he stood, and blessed all the congregation of Israel, with a loud voice, saying :

56 Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

57 The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us :

58 That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his wayes, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers.

59 And let these my words wherewith I have made supplication before the LORD, be nigh unto the LORD our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel at all times: as the matter shall require.

60 That all the people of the earth may know that the LORD is God, and that there is none else.

61 Let every man therefore be diligent with the LORD our God, to walk in

statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

62 ¶ And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD.

63 And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace-offerings, which he offered unto the LORD, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep; so the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.

64 The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt-offerings, and meat-offerings, and the fat of the peace-offerings: because the brazen altar that was before the LORD, was too little to receive the burnt-offerings, and meat-offerings, and the fat of the peace-offerings.

65 And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath, unto the river of Egypt, before the LORD our God, seven dayes and seven dayes, even fourteen dayes.

66 On the eight day he sent the people away; and they blessed the king, and went unto their tents joyfull and glad of heart, for all the goodnesse that the LORD had done for David his servant, and for Israel his people.

G H A P. IX.

1 Gods covenant in a vision with Solomon. 10 The mutual presents of Solomon and Hiram. 25 His yearly sacrifices.

AND it came to passe when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the LORD, and the kings house, and all Solomons desire which he was pleased to do,

2 That the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon.

3 And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever, and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

4 And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and my judgments:

5 Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.

6 But if you shall at all turn from following me, you or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes, which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them:

7 Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and Israel shall be as a proverb, and a by-word among all people:

8 And at this house which is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why

hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this house?

9 And they shall answer, Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil.

10 ¶ And it came to passe at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the kings house,

11 (Now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar-trees, and fir-trees, and with gold, according to all his desire) that then Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

12 And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him, and they pleased him not.

13 And he said, What cities are these which thou hast given me, my brother? and he called them the land of Cabul unto this day.

14 And Hiram sent to the king five score talents of gold.

15 ¶ And this is the reason of the levy which king Solomon raised, for to build the house of the LORD, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazur, and Megiddo, and Gezer.

16 For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites that dwell in the city, and given it for a present unto his daughter, Solomons wife.

17 And Solomon built Gezer, and Beth-horon the nether,

18 And Baalath, and Tadmor, in the wilderness, in the land;

19 And all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

20 And all the people that were left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, which were not of the children of Israel,

21 Their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able utterly to destroy, upon those did Solomon levie a tribute of bond-service unto this day.

22 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no bond-men: but they were men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen.

23 These were the chief of the officers that were over Solomons work, five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the people that wrought in the work.

24 ¶ But Pharaohs daughter came up out of the city of David, unto her house which Solomon had built for her: then did he build Millo.

25 ¶ And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt-offerings, and peace-offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, and he burnt incense upon the altar that was before the LORD: so he finished the house.

26 ¶ And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Ezion-geber, which was

16th, on the shore of the Red-sea, in the land of Edom.

17 And Hiram sent in the navie his servants shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon.

18 And they came to Ophir, & fet from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon.

C H A P. X.

1 The queen of Sheba admires the wisdom of Solomon. 14 His riches.

And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions.

2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

3 And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not any thing hid from the king, which he told her not.

4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomons wisdom, and the house that he had built,

5 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparrell, and his cup-bearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD: there was no more spirit in her.

6 And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land, of thy acts, and of thy wisdom.

7 Howbeit, I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.

8 Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom.

9 Blessed be the LORD thy God which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel, because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgement and justice.

10 And he gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices, as these, which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.

11 And the navie also of Hiram that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of alnug-trees, and precious stones.

12 And 7 king made of the alnug-trees, pillars for the house of the LORD, and for the kings house, harps also and psalteries for singers: there came no such alnug-trees, nor were seen unto this day.

13 And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba, all her desire whatsoever she asked, besides that which Solomon gave her of his royall bounty: so she turned and went to her own countrey, she and her servants.

14 ¶ Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year, was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold,

15 Besides that he had of the merchants, and of the traffique of the spice-merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the governors of the countrey.

16 ¶ And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred shekels of gold went to one target.

17 And he made three hundred shields of beaten gold, three pound of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

18 ¶ Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold.

19 The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne was round behinde: and there were staves on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the staves.

20 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps: there was not the like made in any kingdom.

21 ¶ And all king Solomons drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold, none were of silver, it was nothing accounted of in the dayes of Solomon.

22 For the king had a sea a navie of Tharshish, with the navie of Hiram: once in three years came the navie of Tharshish, bringing gold and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

23 So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth, for riches and for wisdom.

24 ¶ And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

25 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

26 ¶ And Solomon gathered together chariots, and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem.

27 And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycomore-trees, that are in the vale for abundance.

28 ¶ And Solomon had horses brooght out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the kings merchants received the linen yarn at a price.

29 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring them out by their means.

C H A P. XI.

1 Solomons wives and concubines, 4 in his old age draw him to idolatrie.

9 God threatneth him. 41 His acts, reign, and death: Rehoboam succeedeth him.

But king Solomon loved many strange women, (together with the daughter of Pharaoh) women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians and Hittites:

2 Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you, for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods; Solomon clave unto these in love.

3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.

4 For it came to passe when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as ~~was~~ the heart of David his father.

5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as *did* David his father.

7 Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem; and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.

8 And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense, and sacrificed unto their gods.

9 ¶ And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel which had appeared unto him twice,

10 And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded.

11 Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.

12 Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it, for David thy fathers sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son.

13 Howbeit, I will not rend away all the kingdom: but will give one tribe to thy son, for David my servants sake, and for Jerusalem sake which I have chosen.

14 ¶ And the LORD stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite; he *was* of the kings seed in Edom.

15 For it came to passe when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the host was gone up to burie the slain, after he had slain every male in Edom:

16 (For six months did Joab remain there with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom)

17 That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his fathers servants with him, to go into Egypt: Hadad being yet a little child.

18 And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran, and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, which gave him an house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land.

19 And Hadad found great favour in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him to wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Taphnes the queen.

20 And the sister of Taphnes bare him Gembarh his son, whom Taphnes weaned in Pharaohs house: and Gembarh was in Pharaohs household among the sons of Pharaoh.

21 And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, for I may go to mine own country.

22 Then Pharaoh said unto him, What hast thou lacked with me, that behold, thou seekest to go to thine own country? And he answered, Nothing: howbeit let me go in any wife.

23 ¶ And God stirred him up another adversary, Rezon, the son of Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadad king of Zobah.

24 And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band, when David slew them of Zobah: and they went to Damascus and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus.

25 And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the mischief that Hadad *did*: and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

26 ¶ And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite of Zereda, Solomons servant, (whose mothers name *was* Zerah, a widow woman) even he lifted up his hand against the king.

27 And this *was* the cause that he lift up his hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, and repaired the breaches of the citie of David his father.

28 And the man Jeroboam *was* a mighty man of valour: and Solomon seeing the young man that he was industrious, he made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph.

29 And it came to passe at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahiab the Shilonite found him in the way: and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two *were* alone in the field.

30 And Ahiab caught the new garment that *was* on him, and rent it in twelve pieces.

31 And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee:

32 (But he shall have one tribe for my servant Davids sake, and for Jerusalem sake, the citie which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel)

33 Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgements, as *did* David his father.

34 Howbeit, I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life, for David my servants sake, whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes:

35 But I will take the kingdom out of his sons hand, and will give it unto thee, even ten tribes.

36 And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a light alway before me in Jerusalem, the citie which I have chosen me to put my name there.

37 And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel.

38 And it shall be if thou wilt hearken

and all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.

39 And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for ever.

40 Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam: and Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, unto Shishak king of Egypt, & was in Egypt untill the death of Solomon.

41 ¶ And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon?

42 And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem, over all Israel, was fourtie years.

43 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the cite of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XII.

1 Rehoboam refusing the old mens counsell, 16 ten tribes revolt. 26 Rehoboams idolatry.

And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king.

2 And it came to passe when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was ver in Egypt, heard of it, (for he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt)

3 That they sent, and called him: and Jeroboam, & all the congregation of Israel came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying,

4 Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee.

5 And he said unto them, Depart ye for three dayes, then come again to me. And the people departed.

6 ¶ And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men that stood before Solomon his father, while he yet lived, and said, How do you advise, that I may answer this people?

7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever.

8 But he forsook the counsell of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood before him:

9 And he said unto them, what counsell give ye, if we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us, lighter?

10 And the young men that were grown up with him, spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heave, but make thou lighter unto us: thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my fathers loins.

11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will adde to your yoke: my father hath chastised

you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

12 ¶ So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day.

13 And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old mens counsell that they gave him;

14 And spake to them after the counsell of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heave, and I will adde to your yoke; my father also chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

15 Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people: for the cause was from the LORD, that he might perform his saying, which the LORD spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

16 ¶ So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents.

17 But as for the children of Israel which dwell in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18 Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones: he died: therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

19 So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

20 And it came to passe when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah onely.

21 ¶ And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriours, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

22 But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of Gods, saying,

23 Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying,

24 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house, for this thing is from me. They hearkened therefore to the word of the LORD, and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD.

25 ¶ Then Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein, and went out from thence, and built Peniel.

26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David:

27 If this people go up, to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people run again unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah, & they shall kill me, & go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.

28 Whereupon the king took counsell, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go

up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

19 And he set the one in Beth-el, and the other put he in Dan.

20 And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan.

21 And he made an house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the peoples, which were not of the sons of Levi.

22 And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar, (so did he in Beth-el) sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Beth-el the priests of the high places which he had made.

23 So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Beth-el, the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own heart: and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel, and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *Jeroboams hand withereth, 6 and at the prayer of the prophet is restored.*

23 *The disobedient prophet is slain by a lion.* 33 *Jeroboams obstinacy.*

And behold, there came a man of God out of Judah, by the word of the LORD unto Beth-el: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.

2 And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD, Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name, and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and mens bones shall be burnt upon thee.

3 And he gave a signe the same day, saying, This is the signe which the LORD hath spoken: Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out.

4 And it came to passe when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Beth-el, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him.

5 The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the signe which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.

6 And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the kings hand was restored again, and became as it was before.

7 And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thy self, and I will give thee a reward.

8 And the man of God said unto y king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread, nor drink water in this place:

9 For so was it charged me by the word of the LORD, saying, Eat no bread,

nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest.

10 So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Beth-el.

11 ¶ Now there dwelt an old prophet in Beth-el, and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Beth-el: the words which he had spoken unto the king, them they told also to their father.

12 And their father said unto them, What way went he? for his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.

13 And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass, and he rode thereon.

14 And went after the man of God and found him sitting under an oak: & he said unto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I am.

15 Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread.

16 And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread, nor drink water with thee in this place.

17 For it was said to me by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no bread, nor drink water here, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest.

18 He said unto him, I am a prophet also as thou art, and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread, and drink water: but he lied unto him.

19 So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water.

20 ¶ And it came to passe as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came unto the prophet that brought him back:

21 And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee,

22 But camest back, and hast eaten bread, and drunk water in the place of the which the LORD did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water: thy carcase shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers.

23 ¶ And it came to passe after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, to wit, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

24 And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcase was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcase.

25 And behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase: and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

26 And when the prophet that brought him back from the way, heard thereof, he said, It is the man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the LORD: therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake unto him.

57 And he spake to his sons, saying, *Make me the ass. And they saddled him.*

58 And he went and found his carcase cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcase: the lion had not eaten the carcase, nor torn the ass.

59 And the prophet took up y^e carcase of y^e man of God, & laid it upon the ass, and brought it back: & the old prophet came to the city, to mourn, and to bury him.

60 And he laid his carcase in his own grave, and they mourned over him, saying, Alas my brother.

61 And it came to passe after he had buried him, that he spake to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God is buried, lay my bones besides his bones.

62 For the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Beth-el, and against all the houses of the high places which *are* in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to passe.

63 ¶ After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but made again of the lowest of the people, priests of the high places: whosoever would, he consecrated him, and he became *one* of the priests of the high places.

64 And this thing became sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off y^e face of the earth.

C H A P. XLIIII.

1 *Jeroboams son being sick, he sendeth his wife disguised to the prophet: 5 who forewarned by God, denounceth Gods judgement. 21 Rehoboams wicked reigne.*

AT that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick.

2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, I pray thee, and disguise thy self, that thou be not known to be the wife of Jeroboam: and get thee to Shiloh; Behold, there is Ahijah the prophet, which told me that I should be king over this people.

3 And take with thee ten loaves, and cracknels, and a cruse of honey, and go to him: he shall tell thee what shall become of the childe.

4 And Jeroboams wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah: but Ahijah could not see, for his eyes were set by reason of his age.

5 ¶ And the LORD said unto Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to ask a thing of thee for her son, for he is sick: thus & thus shalt thou say unto her: for it shall be when she cometh in, y^e she shall feign her self to be another woman.

6 And it was so, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at y^e door, y^e he said, Come in thou wife of Jeroboam, why feignest thou thy self to be another? for I am sent to thee with heavy tidings.

7 Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee prince over my people Israel,

8 And rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee, and yet thou hast not been as my servant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do that only which was right in mine eyes.

9 But hast done evil above all that were before thee: for thou hast gone and

made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy back:

10 Therefore behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone.

11 Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the city, shall the dogs eat: and him that dieth in the field, shall the fowls of the air eat: for the LORD hath spoken it.

12 Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine own house: and when thy feet enter into the city, the childe shall die.

13 And all Israel shall mourn for him, & bury him: for he only of Jeroboam shall come to y^e grave, because in him there is found some good thing toward the LORD God of Israel, in the house of Jeroboam.

14 Moreover, the LORD shall raise him up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day: but what? even now.

15 For the LORD shall smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and he shall root up Israel out of this good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their groves, provoking the LORD to anger.

16 And he shall give Israel up, because of the sins of Jeroboam, who did sin, and who made Israel to sin.

17 ¶ And Jeroboams wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah: and when she came to the threshold of the door, the childe died.

18 And they buried him, and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by the hand of his servant Ahijah the prophet.

19 And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

20 And the days which Jeroboam reigned, were two and twenty years: and he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his stead.

21 ¶ And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah: Rehoboam was forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD did choose out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there: and his mothers name was Naamah an Ammonitess.

22 And Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done.

23 For they also built them high places, and images, and groves on every high hill, and under every green tree.

24 And there were also Sodomites in the land, and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

25 ¶ And it came to passe in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem:

26 And he took away the treasures of

the houſe of the LORD, and the treaſures of the kings houſe, he even took away all; and he took away all the ſhields of gold which Solomon had made.

27 And king Rehoboam made in their ſtead brazen ſhields, and committed them unto the hands of the chief of the guard, which kept the door of the kings houſe.

28 And it was ſo, when the king went into the houſe of the LORD, that the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard-chamber.

29 ¶ Now the reſt of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

30 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days.

31 And Rehoboam ſlept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and his mothers name was Naamah an Ammoniteſſe. And Abijam his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

CHAP. XV.

1 *Abijam's wicked reign.* 2 *Aſa ſucceedeth him.* 23 *Jehoſhaphat ſucceedeth Aſa.*

25 *Nadab's wicked reign.* 31 *His acts and death.* 33 *Baſha's wicked reign.*

NOW in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, reigned Abijam over Judah.

2 Three years reigned he in Jeruſalem: and his mothers name was Maachah, the daughter of Abiſhalom.

3 And he walked in all the ſins of his father, which he had done before him: & his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father.

4 Nevertheleſſe, for Davids ſake did the LORD his God give him a lamp in Jeruſalem, to ſet up his ſon after him, and to eſtabliſh Jeruſalem:

5 Becauſe David did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aſide from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, ſave onely in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

6 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

7 Now the reſt of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.

8 And Abijam ſlept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Aſa his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

9 ¶ And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Iſrael, reigned Aſa over Judah.

10 And forty and one year reigned he in Jeruſalem: and his mothers name was Maachah, the daughter of Abiſhalom.

11 And Aſa did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did David his father.

12 And he took away the Sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.

13 And alſo Maachah his mother, even ſhe he removed from being queen, becauſe ſhe had made an idol in a grove; and Aſa deſtroyed her idol, and burnt it by the brook Kidron.

14 But the high places were not removed: nevertheleſſe, Aſa his heart was perfect with the LORD all his days.

15 And he brought in the things which his father had dedicated, and the things which himſelf had dedicated, into the houſe of the LORD, ſilver and gold, and veſſels.

16 ¶ And there was war between Aſa and Baſha king of Iſrael all their days.

17 And Baſha king of Iſrael went up againſt Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not ſuffer any to go out or come in to Aſa king of Judah.

18 Then Aſa took all the ſilver and the gold that were left in the treaſures of the houſe of the LORD, and the treaſures of the kings houſe, and delivered them into the hand of his ſervants: and king Aſa ſent them to Ben-hadad the ſon of Tabrimon, the ſon of Hezion king of Syria, that dwelt at Damafcus, ſaying,

19 *There is a league between me and thee, and between my father and thy father: behold, I have ſent unto thee a preſent of ſilver and gold; come and break thy league with Baſha king of Iſrael, that he may depart from me.*

20 So Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Aſa, and ſent the captains of the hoſts, which he had, againſt the cities of Iſrael, and ſmote Ijon, and Dam, and Abel-beth-maachah, and all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

21 And it came to paſſe, when Baſha heard thereof, that he left off building of Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah.

22 Then king Aſa made a proclamation throughout all Judah, (none was exempted) & they took away the ſtones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, where with Baſha had builded, and king Aſa built ſt them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

23 The reſt of all the acts of Aſa, & all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? Nevertheleſſe, in the time of his old age he was diſeaſed in his ſeer.

24 And Aſa ſlept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoſhaphat his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

25 ¶ And Nadab the ſon of Jeroboam began to reign over Iſrael, in the ſecond year of Aſa king of Judah, and reigned over Iſrael two years.

26 And he did evil in the ſight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his ſin wherewith he made Iſrael to ſin.

27 ¶ And Baſha the ſon of Ahijah, of the houſe of Iſſachar, conſpired againſt him; and Baſha ſmote him at Gibbethon, which belongeth to the Philiftines, (for Nadab, and all Iſrael laid ſiege to Gibbethon)

28 Even in the third year of Aſa king of Judah, did Baſha ſlay him, and reigned in his ſtead.

29 And it came to paſſ when he reigned, that he ſmote all the houſe of Jeroboam, he left not to Jeroboam any ſon breathed, untill he had deſtroyed him, according unto the ſaying of the LORD, which he ſpoke by his ſervant Ahijah the ſhilonite.

30 Becauſe of the ſins of Jeroboam which he ſinned, & which he made Iſrael ſin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked the LORD God of Iſrael to anger.

31 ¶ Now the reſt of the acts of Na-

did, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

32 And there was war between Afa and Baasha king of Israel all their dayes.

33 In the third year of Afa king of Judah, began Baasha the son of Abijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, twenty and four years.

34 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

C H A P. XVI.

1. 7 Jehu's prophesie against Baasha. 9 Zimri's conspiracie. 29 Ahab's wicked reign. 34 Joshua's curse upon Hiel the builder of Jericho.

THEN the word of the LORD came to Jehu the son of Hanani, against Baasha, saying,

2 Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee prince over my people Israel, and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins:

3 Behold, I will take away the posterity of Baasha, and the posterity of his house: and will make thy house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

4 Him that dieth of Baasha in the city, shall 7 dogs eat: and him that dieth of his in the fields, shall the fowls of the air eat.

5 Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

6 So Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah, and Elah his son reigned in his stead.

7 And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani, came the word of the LORD against Baasha, and against his house, even for all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD, in provoking him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam, and because he killed him.

8 ¶ In the twentieth and sixth year of Afa king of Judah, began Elah the son of Baasha to reign over Israel in Tirzah, two years.

9 And his servant Zimri (captain of half his chariots) conspired against him, as he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza steward of his house in Tirzah.

10 And Zimri went in and smote him, and killeth him, in the twenty and seventh year of Afa king of Judah, and reigned in his stead.

11 ¶ And it came to pass when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he slew all the house of Baasha: he left him not one that pisseth against a wall, neither of his kindred, nor of his friends.

12 Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake against Baasha by Jehu the prophet.

13 For all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, by which they sinned, and by which they made Israel to sin, in provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

14 Now the rest of 7 acts of Elah: & all 7 he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

15 ¶ In the twenty and seventh year of Afa king of Judah, did Zimri reign seven dayes in Tirzah: and the people *were* encamped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines.

16 And the people that were encamped heard say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath also slain the king: wherefore all Israel made Omri the captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp.

17 And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they beleaged Tirzah.

18 And it came to passe when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into 7 palace of the kings house, & burnt the kings house over him with fire, and died.

19 For his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel sin.

20 Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he wrought, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

21 ¶ Then were the people of Israel divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri.

22 But the people that followed Omri, prevailed against the people that followed Tibni the son of Ginath: so Tibni died, and Omri reigned.

23 ¶ In the thirty and one year of Afa king of Judah, began Omri to reign over Israel twelve years: six years reigned he in Tirzah.

24 And he bought the hill Samaria of Shemer, forty talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, Samaria.

25 ¶ But Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse then all that *were* before him.

26 For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri, which he did, and his might that he shewed, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

28 So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria; and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.

29 ¶ And in the thirty and eighth year of Afa king of Judah, began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel; and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria, twenty and two years.

30 And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD, above all that *were* before him.

31 And it came to passe, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat: that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.

32 And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

33 And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger, than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

34 ¶ In his dayes did Hiel the Beth-elite build Jericho he laid y foundation thereof in Abiram his first-born, & set up the gates thereof in his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Iothuah son of Nun.

CHAP. XVII.

¶ *Elijah prophesying against Ahab, & sent to Cherith, where the ravens feed him. 8 He is sent to Zarephath. 17 He visiteth the widows son.*

And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

2 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thy self by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

4 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

5 So he went, and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, & bread and flesh in the evening: and he drank of the brook.

7 And it came to passe after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

8 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon; and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.

10 So he arose, and went to Zarephath: and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks; and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

11 And as he was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.

12 And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrell, and a little oyl in a cruse: and behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in, and dresse it for me & my son; that we may eat it, and die.

13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go, and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.

14 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, the barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.

15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house did eat many days.

16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.

17 ¶ And it came to passe after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sicknesse was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.

18 And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?

19 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosome, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.

20 And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow, with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?

21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this childes soul come into him again.

22 And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah, and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, & delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth.

24 ¶ And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth, is truth.

CHAP. XVIII.

¶ *Elijah meeteth Obadiah. 17 He reprovethe Ahab, and convinceth Baals prophets. 41 He obtaineth rain.*

And it came to passe after many dayes, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go shew thy self unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.

2 And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab: and there was a sore famine in Samaria.

3 And Ahab called Obadiah which was the governour of his house: (now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly:)

4 For it was so, when Iezabel came of the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by sixty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.

5 And Ahab said unto Obadiah, Go into the land, unto all fountains of water, and unto all brooks: peradventure we may finde grass to save the horses and mules alive, that we leese not all the beasts.

6 So they divided the land between them to passe throughout it: Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself.

7 ¶ And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, Art thou that my lord Elijah?

8 And he answered him, I am: go tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here.

9 And he said, What have I lined, that thou wouldest deliver thy servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me?

10 As the LORD thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when they said, He is not there; he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not.

11 And now thou sayest, Go tell thy lord, Behold, *Elijah is here.*

12 And it shall come to passe, *as soon* as I am gone from thee, that the spirit of the LORD shall carry thee whither I know not: and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot finde thee, he shall say me: but I thy servant fear the LORD from my youth.

13 *was it not told my lord, what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the LORD?* how I hid an hundred men of the LORDS prophets, by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?

14 And now thou sayest, Go tell thy lord, Behold, *Elijah is here:* & he shall slay me.

15 And Elijah said, *As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely shew my self unto him to day.*

16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

17 ¶ And it came to passe when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, *Art thou he that troubleth Israel?*

18 And he answered, I have not troubled Israel, but thou and thy fathers house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim,

19 Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebels table.

20 So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.

21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

22 Then said Elijah unto the people, I, *even I* onely remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baals prophets *are* four hundred and fifty men.

23 Let them therefore give us two bullocks, and let them chooseth one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will dresse the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under:

24 And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

25 And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Chooseth you one bullock for your selves, and dresse it first; for ye *are* many: and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire under.

26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dresse it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even untill noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But *there was no voice*, nor any that answered. And they leapt upon the altar which was made.

27 And it came to passe at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god, either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.

28 And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives

and lancers, till the blood gushed out upon them.

29 And it came to passe, when midday was past, and they prophesied untill the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice: that *there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.*

30 And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him: and he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down.

31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name.

32 And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD; and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid *him* on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt-sacrifice, and on the wood.

34 And he said, Do it the second time: and they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time: and they did it the third time.

35 And the water ran round about the altar, and he filled the trench also with water.

36 And it came to passe at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day, that thou *art* God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.

37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou *art* the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt-sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, & licked up the water that *was* in the trench.

39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: & they said, The LORD, he is the God, the LORD, he is the God.

40 And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal, let not one of them escape: and they took them, and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kithon, and slew them there.

41 ¶ And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink, for *there is* a sound of abundance of rain.

42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink, and Elijah went up to the top of Carmel, and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, *There is nothing.* And he said, Go again seven times.

44 And it came to passe at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a mans hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain fall on thee: nor.

45 And it came to passe in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain; and Ahab rode and went to Jezreel.

46 And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab, to the entrance of Jezreel.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *Elijah threatened by Jezebel, is comforted by an angel. 9 God sendeth rain to annoy Hazael, Jehu, and Elisha. 19 Elisha followeth Elijah.*

AND Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and with all, how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them, by to-morrow about this time.

3 And when he saw that he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

4 ¶ But he himself went a dayes journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper-tree: and he requested for himself that he might die, and said, It is enough, now O LORD take away my life: for I am not better then my fathers.

5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper-tree, behold then, an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.

6 And he looked, and behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head: and he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

7 And the angel of the LORD came again the second time and touched him, and said, Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for thee.

8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights, unto Horeb the mount of God.

9 ¶ And he camethither unto a cave, and lodged there; and behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only am left, and they seek my life to take it away.

11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake.

12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave: and behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

14 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I,

even I only am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.

15 And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, annoy Hazael to be king over Syria.

16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shall thou annoy to be king over Israel: & Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah, shall thou annoy to be prophet in thy room.

17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael, shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu, shall Elisha slay.

18 Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

19 ¶ So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him:

20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again; for what have I done to thee?

21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat: then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

CHAP. XX.

1 *Ben-hadad besiegeth Samaria. 13 The Syrians are slain. 31 Ahab dismisseth Ben-hadad. 35 The prophet reproves Ahab.*

AND Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together, and there were thirty and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it.

2 And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said unto him, Thus saith Ben-hadad,

3 Thy silver and thy gold is mine, thy wives also, and thy children, even the goodliest, are mine.

4 And the king of Israel answered and said, My lord O king, according to thy saying, I am thine, and all that I have.

5 And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaketh Ben-hadad, saying, Although I have sent unto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliver me thy silver and thy gold, and thy wives and thy children:

6 Yet I will send my servants unto thee to-morrow about this time, and they shall search thine house, and the houses of thy servants: and it shall be, that whatsoever is pleasant in thine eyes, they shall put it in their hand, and take it away.

7 Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, Mark, I pray you, and see how this man seeketh mischief: for he sent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold, and I denied him none.

8 And all the elders, and all the people said unto him, Hearken not unto his words, nor consent.

9 Wherefore he said unto the messengers of Ben-hadad, Tell my lord the king, All that thou didst send for to thy servant

against the first, I will do: but this thing I may not do. And the messengers departed, and brought him word again.

10 And Ben-hadad sent unto him, and said, The gods do so unto me and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people that follow me.

11 And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell him, Let not him that girdeth on his harness, boast himself; as he that putteth it off.

12 And it came to passe, when Ben-hadad heard this message (as he was drinking, he and the kings in the pavilions) that he said unto his servants, Set your selves in array: and they set themselves in array against the city.

13 ¶ And behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab king of Israel, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day, and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.

14 And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, Thus saith the LORD, Even by the young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he said, who shall order the battle? And he answered, Thou.

15 Then he numbered the young men of the princes of the provinces, & they were two hundred and thirty two: & after them he numbered all the people, even all the children of Israel, being seven thousand.

16 And they went out at noon: but Ben-hadad was drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him.

17 And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first, and Ben-hadad sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men come out of Samaria.

18 And he said, Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive.

19 So these young men of the princes of the provinces, came out of the city, and the army which followed them.

20 And they slew every one his man: and the Syrians fled, and Israel pursued them: and Ben-hadad the king of Syria escaped on an horse, with the horsemen.

21 And the king of Israel went out, and more the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter.

22 And the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said unto him, Go strengthen thy self, and mark and see what thou doest: for at the return of the year, the king of Syria will come up against thee.

23 And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, Their gods are gods of the hills, therefore they were stronger then we: but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger then they.

24 And do this thing, Take the kings away, every man our of his place, and put captains in their rooms.

25 And number thee an army, like the army that thou hast lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot: and we will fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger then they. And he hearkened unto their voice, and did so.

26 And it came to pass at the return of the year, that Ben-hadad numbered the

Syrians, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel.

27 And the children of Israel were numbered, & were all present, and went against them: and the children of Israel pitched before them, like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country.

28 ¶ And there came a man of God, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys: therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

29 And they pitched one over against the other seven days: and so it was, that in the seventh day the battell was joined: & the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day.

30 But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city: and there a wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand of the men that were left: and Ben-hadad fled, and came into the citie, into an inner chamber.

31 ¶ And his servants said unto him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings: let us, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel; peradventure he will save thy life.

32 So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and put ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Thy servant Ben-hadad saith, I pray thee, let me live. And he said, Is he yet alive? he is my brother.

33 Now the men did diligently observe whether any thing would come from him, and did hastily catch it: and they said, Thy brother Ben-hadad. Then he said, Go ye, bring him: then Ben-hadad came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot.

34 And Ben-hadad said unto him, The cities which my father took from thy father, I will restore, and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. Then said Ahab, I will send thee away with this covenant. So he made a covenant of him, & sent him away.

35 ¶ And a certain man of the sons of the prophets, said unto his neighbour in the word of the LORD, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refused to smite him.

36 Then said he unto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of the LORD, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion smote him, and slew him.

37 Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man smote him, so that in smiting he wounded him.

38 So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with ashes upon his face.

39 And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king: and he said, Thy servants went out into the midst of the battle, and behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver.

40 And as thy servant was busie here and there; he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, So shall thy judgement be, thy self hast decided it.

41 And he haisted, and took she athes away from his face, and the king of Israel discerned him that he was of the prophets.

42 And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Because thou hast let go out of thy hand, a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, & thy people for his people.

43 And the king of Israel went to his house, heavy and displeased, and came to Samaria.

CHAP. XXI.

1 *Ahab is denied Naboth's vineyard. 5 Jezebel causeth Naboth to be condemned.*

17 *Elijah denounceth judgement against Ahab and Jezebel.*

And it came to passe after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

2 And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house, and I will give thee for it a better vineyard then it: or if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money.

3 And Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.

4 And Ahab came into his house, heavy and displeased, because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers: and he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

5 ¶ But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou carest no bread?

6 And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard.

7 And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel: arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city dwelling with Naboth.

9 And he wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people:

10 And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king: and then carry him out, and stone him that he may die.

11 And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, and as it was written in the letters which she had sent unto them.

12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people,

13 And there came in two men, sons of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.

14 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead.

15 ¶ And it came to passe when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give thee for money: for Naboth is not alive, but dead.

16 And it came to passe when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

17 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

18 Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which is in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it.

19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? and thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, shall dogs lick thy blood, even thou.

20 And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee: because thou hast sold thy self to work evil in the sight of the LORD.

21 Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterities, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up, and left in Israel,

22 And will make thine house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me to anger, and made Israel to sin.

23 And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.

24 Him that dieth of Ahab in the city, the dogs shall eat: and him that dieth in the field, shall the fowls of the air eat.

25 ¶ But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.

26 And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all things which the Amorites, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

27 And it came to passe when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.

28 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

29 Seest thou how Ahab humbled himself before me? because he humbled himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his dayes: but in his sons dayes will I bring the evil upon his house.

C H A P. X. *Amos be precious*

Abah seduced by false
at Ramoth-gilead. 37 *Thou* from
upon blood. 41 *Jehohaphath* rains of
45 and after. 51 *Abah's evil* relies:

And they continued three years with
 our war between Syria and Israel.

And it came to passe in the third year,
 that Jehohaphath the king of Judah came
 down to the king of Israel.

3 (And the king of Israel said unto his
 servants, Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead
 is ours, and we be still, and take it not
 out of the hand of the king of Syria?)

4 And he said unto Jehohaphath, wilt
 thou go with me to battel to Ramoth-
 gilead? And Jehohaphath said to the king
 of Israel, I am as thou art, my people
 as thy people, my horses as thy horses.

5 And Jehohaphath said unto the king
 of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the
 word of the LORD to day.

6 Then the king of Israel gathered the
 prophets together about four hundred
 men, & said unto them, Shall I go against
 Ramoth-gilead to battel, or shall I for-
 bear? And they said, Go up; for the LORD
 shall deliver it in to the hand of the king.

7 And Jehohaphath said, Is there not
 here a prophet of the LORD besides, that
 we might enquire of him?

8 And the king of Israel said unto Je-
 hohaphath, There is yet one man (Mi-
 caiah the son of Imlah) by whom we
 may enquire of the LORD; but I hate
 him, for he doth not prophesie good
 concerning me, but evil. And Jehoha-
 phath said, Let not the king say so.

9 Then the king of Israel called an
 officer, and said, Hasten *hither* Micahiah
 the son of Imlah.

10 And *yeing* of Israel, and Jehohaphath
 the king of Judah sat each on his throne,
 having put on their robes, in a void place
 in the entrance of the gate of Samaria, &
 all the prophets prophesied before them.

11 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah
 made him horns of iron: and he said,
 Thus saith the LORD, With these shalt
 thou push the Syrians, untill thou have
 consumed them.

12 And all the prophets prophesied
 so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and
 prosper: for the LORD shall deliver
 it into the kings hand.

13 And the messenger that was gone to
 call Micahiah, spake unto him, saying,
 Behold now, the words of the prophets
declare good unto the king with one
 mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like
 the word of one of them, and speak *that*
which is good.

14 And Micahiah said, As the LORD
 liveth, what the LORD saith unto me,
 that will I speak.

15 So he came to the king, and the
 king said unto him, Micahiah, shall we go
 against Ramoth-gilead to battel, or shall
 we forbear? And he answered him, Go,
 and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver
 it into the hand of the king.

16 And the king said unto him, How
 many times shall I adjure thee, that
 thou tell me nothing but that which is
 true in the name of the LORD?

17 And he said, I saw all Israel scattered
 upon the hills, as sheep that have not a

were gone over, that Elijah said unto
 Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, be-
 fore I be taken away from thee. And
 Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double
 portion of thy spirit be upon me.

10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard
 thing: nevertheless, if thou see me *when*
am taken from thee, it shall be so unto
 the w. but if not, it shall not be so.

And it came to passe as they still
 heaven *stand* talked, that behold, there
 and on his chariot of fire, and horses of

20 And the lihem both asunder, and
 perfwade Ahab, the a whirl-winde into
 fall at Ramoth-gilead.

this manner, and another, and he cried,
 the chariot of

21 And there came forth a ryl: and he
 stood before the LORD, and said hold of
 perfwade him.

22 And the LORD said unto him, Where
 wilt thou be said, I will go forth, & I will
 be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his pro-
 phets. And he said, Thou shalt perfwade
 him, and prevail alfo: go forth, and do so.

23 Now therefore behold, the LORD
 hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of
 all these thy prophets, and the LORD
 hath spoken evil concerning thee.

24 But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah
 went near, and smote Micahiah on the cheek,
 and said, which way went the spirit of
 the LORD from me to speak unto thee?

25 And Micahiah said, Behold, thou shalt
 see in that day, when thou shalt go into
 an inner-chamber to hide thyself.

26 And the king of Israel said, Take
 Micahiah, and carry him back unto Amon
 the governour of the city, and to Joash
 the kings son:

27 And say, Thus saith the king, Put
 this fellow in the prison, and feed him
 with bread of affliction, and with water
 of affliction, untill I come in peace.

28 And Micahiah said, If thou return at
 all in peace, the LORD hath not spoken
 by me. And he said, Hearken, O people,
 every one of you.

29 So the king of Israel, and Jehoha-
 phath the king of Judah, went up to Ra-
 moth-gilead.

30 And the king of Israel said unto
 Jehohaphath, I will disguise myself, and
 enter into the battel, but put thou on
 thy robes. And the king of Israel disgui-
 sed himself, and went unto the battel.

31 But the king of Syria commanded
 his thirty and two captains, that had rule
 over his chariots, saying, Fight neither
 with small nor great, save onely with the
 king of Israel.

32 And it came to passe, when the ca-
 ptains of the chariots saw Jehohaphath,
 that they said, Surely it is the king of
 Israel. And they turned aside to fight a-
 gainst him: and Jehohaphath cried out.

33 And it came to passe, when the ca-
 ptains of the chariots perceived that it
 was not the king of Israel, that they
 turned back from pursuing him.

34 And a certain man drew a bow at
 a venture, and smote the king of Israel be-
 tween the joints of the harness: where-
 fore he said unto the driver of his cha-
 riot, Turn thine hand, and carry me out
 of the field, for I am wounded.

35 And the battel increased that day.

40 And as thy servant was busie here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, So shall thy judgement be, thy selfe hast decided it.

41 And he halted, and took the almes away from his face, and the king of Israel discerned him that he was of the prophets.

42 And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Because thou hast let go out of thy hand, a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, & thy people for his people.

43 And the king of Israel went to his house, heavy and displeased, and came to Samaria.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Ahab is denied Naboths vineyard. 5 Jezebel causeth Naboth to be condemned.

17 Elijah denounceth judgements against Ahab and Jezebel.

AND it came to passe after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

2 And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house, and I will give thee for it a better vineyard then it: or if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money.

3 And Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.

4 And Ahab came into his house, heavy and displeased, because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers: and he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

5 ¶ But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread?

6 And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard.

7 And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city dwelling with Naboth.

9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people:

10 And sett two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king: and then carry him out, and stone him that he may die.

11 And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, and as it was written in the letters which she had sent unto them.

12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people.

13 And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.

14 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead.

15 ¶ And it came to passe when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give thee for money: for Naboth is not alive, but dead.

16 And it came to passe when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

17 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

18 Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which is in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it.

19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? and thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.

20 And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee: because thou hast sold thy self to work evil in the sight of the LORD.

21 Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posteritie, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up, and left in Israel.

22 And will make thine house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me to anger, and made Israel to sin.

23 And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.

24 Him that dieth of Ahab in the city, the dogs shall eat: and him that dieth in the field, shall the fowls of the air eat.

25 ¶ But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.

26 And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all things which did the Amorites, whom the LORD cut out before the children of Israel.

27 And it came to passe when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.

28 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

29 Seest thou how Ahab humbled himself before me? because he humbled himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his dayes: but in his sons dayes I will bring the evil upon his house.

CHAP. XXII.

Ahab seduced by false prophets, is slain at Ramoth-gilead. 37 The dogs lick upon blood. 41 Jehoshaphat reigns, 45 and acts. 51 Ahab's evil reigns.

And they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel.

2 And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.

3 (And the king of Israel said unto his servants, Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, and we be still, and take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria?)

4 And he said unto Jehoshaphat, wilt thou go with me to battel to Ramoth-gilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses.

5 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.

6 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together about four hundred men, & said unto them, Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battel, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

7 And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him?

8 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man (Micaiah the son of Imlah) by whom we may enquire of the LORD; but I hate him, for he doth nor prophesie good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

9 Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, Hasten hither Micaiah the son of Imlah.

10 And the king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria, & all the prophets prophesied before them.

11 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron: and he said, Thus saith the LORD, with these shalt thou push the Syrians, until thou have consumed them.

12 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver us into the kings hand.

13 And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah, spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets declare good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak that which is good.

14 And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, what the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak.

15 So he came to the king, and the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go against Ramoth-gilead to battel, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver us into the hand of the king.

16 And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee, that thou tell me nothing but that which is true in the name of the LORD?

17 And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a

shepherd. And the LORD said, These have no master, let them return every man to his house in peace.

18 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee, that he would prophesie no good concerning me, but evil?

19 And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him, on his right hand and on his left.

20 And the LORD said, who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? and one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.

21 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him.

22 And the LORD said unto him, Where-with? and he said, I will go forth, & I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.

23 Now therefore behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.

24 But Zelekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, which way went the spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee?

25 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go into an inner-chamber to hide thyself.

26 And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Ammon the governour of the city, and to Joash the kings son:

27 And say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction, and with water of affliction, until I come in peace.

28 And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, the LORD hath not spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, O people, every one of you.

29 So the king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, went up to Ramoth-gilead.

30 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and enter into the battel, but put thou on thy robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battel.

31 But the king of Syria commanded his thirty and two captains, that had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, save onely with the king of Israel.

32 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, Surely it is the king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight against him: and Jehoshaphat cried out.

33 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.

34 And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness: wherefore he said unto the driver of his chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host, for I am wounded.

35 And the battel increased that day:

and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians, and died as even: and the blood ran out of the wound, into the midst of the chariot.

36 And there went a proclamation throughout the host, about the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own country.

37 ¶ So the king died, and was brought to Samaria, and they buried the king in Samaria.

38 And one washed the chariot in the pool of Samaria, and the dogs licked up his blood, and they washed his armour, according unto the word of the LORD which he spake.

39 Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he made, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

40 So Ahab slept with his fathers, and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

41 ¶ And Jehoshaphat the son of Aza began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel.

42 Jehoshaphat was thirty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem: and his mothers name was Azubah the daughter of Shishi.

43 And he walked in all the ways of Aza his father, he turned not aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of the LORD: nevertheless, the high places were not taken away: for the people offered and burnt incense yet in the high places.

44 And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

45 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he shewed, and how he warred, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

46 And the remnant of the Sodomites which remained in the dayes of his father Aza, he took out of the land.

47 There was then no king in Edom: a deputy was king.

48 Jehoshaphat made ships of Tarshish to go to Ophir for gold: but they were not; for the ships were broken at Ezion-geber.

49 Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab unto Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with thy servants in the ships: but Jehoshaphat would not.

50 ¶ And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

51 ¶ Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned two years over Israel.

52 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

53 For he served Baal, and worshipped him, and provoked to anger the LORD God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.

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CHAP. I.

1 *Moab revolteth. 2 Ahab's sending to Baal-zebub, hath his judgement by Elijah. 3 Elijah twice bringeth fire from heaven on Ahab's messengers.*

Then Moab rebelled against Israel, after the death of Ahab.

2 And Ahaziah fell down through lattices in his upper chamber, that was in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover of this disease.

3 But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, & say unto them, Is it not because there is no God in Israel, that ye go to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron?

4 Now therefore thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And Elijah departed.

5 ¶ And when the messengers turned back unto him, he said unto them, Why are ye now turned back?

6 And they said unto him, There came a man up to meet us, and said unto us, Go, turn again unto the king that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that thou sendest to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron? therefore thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

7 And he said unto them, What manner of man was he which came up to meet you, and told you these words?

8 And they answered him, He was an hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It is Elijah the Tishbite.

9 Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty, with his fifty: and he went up to him, (and behold, he sat on the top of an hill) and he spake unto him, Thou man of God, the king hath said, Come down.

10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

11 Again also he sent unto him another captain of fifty, with his fifty: and he answered and said unto him, O man of God, Thus hath the king said, Come down quickly.

12 And Elijah answered and said unto them, If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

13 ¶ And he sent again the captain of the third fifty, with his fifty: and the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the

life of these fifty thy servants be precious in thy sight.

14 Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former stripes, with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight.

15 And the angel of the LORD said unto Elijah, Go down with him, be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king.

16 And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron (is it not because there is no God in Israel to enquire of his word?) therefore thou shalt not come down off that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

17 ¶ So he died, according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken: and Jehoram reigned in his stead, in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he had no son.

18 Now the rest of the acts of Ahabiah which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

CHAP. II.

1 Elijah divided Jordan, and granting Elisha his request, is taken up into heaven. 19 Elisha healeth the waters.

23 Bears destroy the children that mock him.

And it came to passe when the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwinde, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

2 And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee: for the LORD hath sent me to Beth-el. And Elisha said unto him, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Beth-el.

3 And the sons of the prophets that were at Beth-el, came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it, hold you your peace.

4 And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee: for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho.

5 And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know it, hold you your peace.

6 And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here: for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.

7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan.

8 And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.

9 ¶ And it came to passe when they

were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: never thelesse, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.

11 And it came to passe as they still went on, and talked, that behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder, and Elijah went up by a whirlwinde into heaven.

12 ¶ And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof: and he saw him no more; and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

13 He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;

14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.

15 And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho, saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha: and they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him:

16 ¶ And they said unto him, Behold now there be & thy servants fifty strong men, let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master: lest peradventure the spirit of the LORD hath taken him up, and call him upon some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, Ye shall not send.

17 And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, Sent. They sent therefore fifty men, and they sought three dayes, but found him not.

18 And when they came again to him, (for he tarried at Jericho) he said unto them, Did I not say unto you, Go not?

19 ¶ And the men of the city said unto Elisha, Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water is naught, and the ground barren.

20 And he said, Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein. And they brought it to him.

21 And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, & said, Thus saith the LORD, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death, or barren land.

22 So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spake.

23 ¶ And he went up from thence unto Beth-el: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up thou bald-head, go up thou bald-head.

24 And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the LORD: and there came forth two she-bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.

25 And he went from thence to mount Carmel, and from thence he returned to Samaria.

CHAP. III.

1 *Iehorams reigns.* 4 *Mesha rebelleth.*
6 *Elisha obtaineth water, and promise of victory.*

NOW Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria, the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years.

2 And he wrought evil in the sight of the LORD, but not like his father, and like his mother; for he put away the image of Baal that his father had made.

3 Nevertheless, he cleaved unto the fins of Ieroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

4 ¶ And Mesha king of Moab was a sheepmaster, and rendered unto the king of Israel an hundred thousand lambs, and an hundred thousand rams, with the wool.

5 But it came to passe when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

6 ¶ And king Iehoram went out of Samaria the same time, and numbred all Israel.

7 And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab hath rebelled against me: wilt thou go with me against Moab to battle? and he said, I will go up: I am as thou art, my people as thy people, and my horses as thy horses.

8 And he said, which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way through the wilderness of Edom.

9 So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom: and they fetcht a compasse of seven dayes journey, and there was no water for the host, and for the cattel that followed them.

10 And the king of Israel said, Alas, that the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab.

11 But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may enquire of the LORD by him? and one of the king of Israels servants answered and said, Here is Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah.

12 And Jehoshaphat said, The word of the LORD is with him. So the king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat, and the king of Edom went down to him.

13 And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel said unto him, Nay: for the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab.

14 And Elisha said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, Surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee.

15 But now bring me a minstrell. And it came to passe when the minstrell played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him.

16 And he said, Thus saith the LORD, Make this valley full of ditches.

17 For thus said the LORD, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattel, and your beasts.

18 And this is but a light thing in the sight of the LORD, he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand.

19 And ye shall smite every fenced citie, and every choice citie, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones.

20 And it came to passe in the morning when the meat-offering was offered, that behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the countrey was filled with water.

21 ¶ And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come up to fight against them, they gathered all that were able to put on armour, and upward, and stood in the border.

22 And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side as red as blood:

23 And they said, This is blood: kings are surely slain, as it they have smitten one another: now the before Moab to the spoil.

24 And when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and smote the Moabites, so that they fled before them: but they went forward smiting the Moabites, even in their countrey.

25 And they beat down the cities, and on every good piece of land cast every man his stone, and filled it, and they stopped all the wells of water, and felled all the good trees: onely in Kir-haraseth left they the stones thereof: howbeit the slingers went about it, and smote it.

26 ¶ And when the king of Moab saw that the battel was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew swords, to break through even unto the king of Edom: but they could not.

27 Then he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him for a burnt-offering upon the wall: and there was great indignation against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to their own land.

CHAP. IIII.

1 *Elisha multiplieth the widows oyl.*

8 *Giueth a son to the Shunammite.*

18 *Raiseth her dead son.*

NOW there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead, and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bond-men.

2 And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? Tell me, what hast thou in the house? and she said, Thine handmaid hath not anything in the house, save a por of oyl.

3 Then he said, Go borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even emptie vessels, borrow not a few.

4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut y door upon thee, and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt see aside that which I will do.

6 So he went from him, and shurt the door upon her, and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her, and she poured out.

7 And it came to passe when the vessels were full, she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oyl stayed.

8 Then she came and told the man of God, and he said, Go, sell the oyl, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

9 And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed by Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.

10 And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.

11 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall, and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.

12 And it fell on a day that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.

13 And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.

14 And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been carefull for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? wouldst thou be spoken for to the king, or to y^e captain of y^e host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people.

15 And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.

16 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.

17 And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid.

18 And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.

19 ¶ And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers.

20 And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.

21 And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died.

22 And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and went out.

23 And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.

24 And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? It is neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, It shall be well.

25 Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slack not thy riding for me, except I bid thee.

26 So she went, and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel: and it came to passe when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, yonder is that Shunammite:

27 Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, It is well with thee; is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well.

28 And when she came to the man of God to the hill, he caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone, for her soul is vexed within her: and the LORD hath hid it from me, and hath not told me.

29 Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me?

30 Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salute him not: and if any salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon the face of the child.

31 And the mother of the child said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her.

32 And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child, but there was neither voice, nor hearing: wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked.

33 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed.

34 He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD.

35 And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and he stretched himself upon the child, and the flesh of the child waxed warm.

36 Then he returned, and walked in the house, and fro, and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child needed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

37 And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her: and when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son.

38 Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed her self to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

39 ¶ And Elisha came again to Gilgal, and there was a dearth in the land, and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him: and he said unto his servant, Set on the great pot, and seethe porrage for the sons of the prophets.

40 And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wilde vine, and gathered thereof wilde gourds his lapfull, and came and thred them into the pot of porrage: for they knew them not.

41 So they poured out for the men to eat: and it came to passe as they were eating of the porrage, that they cried out, and said, O thou man of God, there is death in the pot: and they could not eat thereof.

42 But he said, Then bring meal: and he cast it into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat: and there was no harm in the pot.

43 ¶ And there came a man from Baal-shalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the first-fruits, twenty loaves of barley,

barley, and full ears of corn in the bush thereof: and he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat.

43 And his servitor said, what should I set this before an hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that they may eat: for thus saith the LORD, They shall eat, and shall leave thereof.

44 So he set it before them, and they did eat, and left thereof, according to the word of the LORD.

CHAP. V.

1 Naaman is cured of his leprosy.

15 Elisha refuseth Naaman's gifts.

20 Gehazi is smitten with leprosy.

NOW Naaman captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper.

2 And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid, and she waited on Naaman's wife.

3 And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria: for he would recover him of his leprosy.

4 And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel.

5 And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment.

6 And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold I have therewith sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy.

7 And it came to pass when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? wherefore consider I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrell against me.

8 ¶ And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.

9 So Naaman came with his horses, and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

10 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again unto thee, and thou shalt be clean.

11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them and be clean? So he turned, and went away in a rage.

13 And his servant came near, and

spoke unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash and be clean?

14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

15 ¶ And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.

16 But he said, As the LORD liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it, but he refused.

17 And Naaman said, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy servant two mules burden of earth? for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt-offering, nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the LORD.

18 In this thing the LORD pardon thy servant, that when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bowe my self in the house of Rimmon: when I bow down my self in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy servant in this thing.

19 And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way.

20 ¶ Gehazi the servant of Elisha the man of God said, Behold, my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but as the LORD liveth, I will run after him, & take somewhat of him.

21 So Gehazi followed after Naaman: and when Naaman saw him running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, Is all well?

22 And he said, All is well: my master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments.

23 And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents: and he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid them upon two of his servants, and they bare them before him.

24 And when he came to the tower, he took them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed.

25 But he went in, and stood before his master: and Elisha said unto him, Whence comest thou, Gehazi? And he said, Thy servant went no whither.

26 And he said unto him, Went not mine heart with thee, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maid-servants?

27 The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.

CHAP. VI.

1 *Elisha causeth iron to swim.* 2 *He discloseth the king of Syria his counsel.* 3 *And smiteth his army with blindness.* 24 *The grievous famine in Samaria.*

And the sons of 7 prophets said unto Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too straight for us.

2 Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye.

3 And one said, Be content, I pray thee, and go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go.

4 So he went with them: & when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood.

5 But as one was felling a beam, the ax-head fell into 7 water: and he cried, and said, Alas master, for it was borrowed.

6 And the man of God said, where fell it? and he shewed him the place: and he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither, and the iron did swim.

7 Therefore said he, Take it up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it.

8 ¶ Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp.

9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou passe not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down.

10 And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him, and warned him of, and saved himself there, nor once nor twice.

11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing, and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not tell me which of us is for the king of Israel?

12 And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha the prophet, that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bed-chamber.

13 ¶ And he said, Go and spie where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan.

14 Therefore sent he thither horses, & chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early and gone forth, Behold, an host compassed the city, both with horses and chariots: and his servant said unto him, Alas my master, how shall we do?

16 And he answered, Fear not, for they that be with us, are more than they that be with them.

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee open his eyes that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw: and behold, the mountain was full of horses, and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness, according to the word of Elisha.

19 ¶ And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek: but be lead them to Samaria.

20 And it came to passe when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD open the eyes of these men that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw, and behold, they were in the mids of Samaria.

21 And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite them? shall I smite them?

22 And he answered, Thou shalt not smite them: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword, and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.

23 And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master: so the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

24 ¶ And it came to passe after this, that Ben-hadad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria.

25 And there was a great famine in Samaria: and behold, they besieged it, untill an asses head was sold for four score pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a hab of doves dung for five pieces of silver.

26 And as the king of Israel was passing by upon the wall, there cried a woman unto him, saying, Help, my lord O king.

27 And he said, If the LORD do not help thee, whence shall I help thee? out of the dunfloors, or out of 7 winepress?

28 And the king said unto her, what aileth thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him to day, and we will eat my son to morrow.

29 So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him: and she had hid her son.

30 ¶ And it came to passe when the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes, and he passed by upon the wall, and the people looked, and behold, he had sackcloth within, upon his flesh.

31 Then he said, God do so and more also to me, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat, shall stand on him this day.

32 But Elisha sat in his house, (and the elders sat with him) and the king sent a man from before him: but ere the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, See ye how this son of a murderer hath sent to take away mine head? look when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door: is not the sound of his masters feet behind him?

33 And while he yet talked with them, behold, the messenger came down unto him: and he said, Behold, this evil is of the LORD, what should I wait for the LORD any longer?

CHAP. VII.

1 *Elisha prophesieth incredible plenty in Samaria.* 17 *The unbelieveing prince is troden to death.*

Then Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the LORD, Thus saith the LORD,

To-morrow about this time shall a measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.

2 Then a lord on whose hand the king leaned, answered the man of God and said, Behold, if the LORD would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.

3 ¶ And there were four leproous men at the entering in of the gate; and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die?

4 If we say, we will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there; and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.

5 And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians; and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, there was no man there.

6 For the LORD had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.

7 Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life.

8 And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it.

9 Then they said one to another, We do not welth this day in a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.

10 So they came, and called unto the porter of the city: and they told them, saying, we came to the camp of the Syrians; and behold, there was no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they were.

11 And he called the porters, and they told it to the king's house within.

12 ¶ And the king arose in the night, and said unto his servants, I will now shew you what the Syrians have done to us: They know that we be hungry, therefore are they gone out of the camp, to hide themselves in the field, saying, when they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city.

13 And one of his servants answered and said, Let some take, I pray thee, five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city: (behold, they are as all the multitude of Israel that are left in it: behold, I say, they are even as all the multitude of the Israelites that are consumed) and let us send and see.

14 They took therefore two chariots,

horses, and the king went after the bulk of the Syrians, saying, Go and see.

15 And they went after them unto Jordan, and lo, all the way was full of garments and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste: and the messengers returned and told the king.

16 And the people went out, and spoiled the tents of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD.

17 ¶ And the king appointed the lord on whose hand he leaned, to have the charge of the gate: and the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spake when the king came down to him.

18 And it came to passe as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be to-morrow about this time in the gate of Samaria:

19 And the lord answered the man of God and said, Now behold, if the LORD should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? and he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.

20 And so it fell out unto him: for the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The Shunammite hath her land restored. 7 Hazael succeedeth his master. 16 Jezebel's wicked reign.

Then spake Elisha unto the woman, (whose son he had restored to life) saying, Arie, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wherefoever thou canst sojourn: for the LORD hath called for a famine, and it shall also come upon the land seven years.

2 And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God: and she went with her household and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.

3 And it came to passe at the seven years end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house, and for her land.

4 And the king talked with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Eliza hath done.

5 And it came to passe as he was relating the king how he had restored a dead body to life, that behold, the woman whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house, and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Eliza restored to life.

6 And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain officer, saying, Restore all that was hers, and all the fruits of the field, since the day that she left the land, even till now.

7 ¶ And Eliza came to Damascus: and Ben-hadad the king of Syria was sick, and it was told him, saying, The man of God is come hither.

8 And the king said unto Hazael, Take a present in thine hand, and go meet the

son of God, & engine of the LORD by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

9 So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, fourty camels burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Thy son Ben-hadad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

10 And Elisha said unto him, Go, say unto him, Thou mayest certainly recover: howbeit, the LORD hath shewed me, that he shall surely die.

11 And he settled his countenance steadily, until he was ashamed: and the man of God wept.

12 And Hazael said, why weepeth my lord? And he answered, Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel: their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash their children, and drip up their woman with child.

13 And Hazael said, But what, is thy servant a dog that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, The LORD hath shewed me that thou shalt be king over Syria.

14 So he departed from Elisha, and came to his master, who said to him, what said Elisha to thee? And he answered, He told me that thou shouldst surely recover.

15 And it came to passe on the morrow, that he took a thick cloth, and dipt it in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his stead.

16 ¶ And in the fifth year of Joram son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat being then king of Judah, Jehoram son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign.

17 Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

18 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: for the daughter of Ahab was his wife; and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.

19 Yet the LORD would not destroy Judah, for David his servants sake, as he promised him to give him alway a light, and to his children.

20 ¶ In his dayes Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves.

21 So Joram went over to Zair, and all 9 chariots with him, and he rose by night and smote the Edomites which compassed him about: and the captains of the chariots, & the people fled into their tents.

22 Yet Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time.

23 And the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

24 And Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

25 ¶ In y^e twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, did Ahaziah son of Jehoram king of Judah begin to reign.

26 Two and twenty years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem: and his

mothers name was Athaliah, the daughter of Omri king of Israel.

27 And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the LORD, as did y^e house of Ahab, for he was y^e son in law of the house of Ahab.

28 ¶ And he went with Joram the son of Ahab, to the war against Hazael king of Syria in Ramoth-gilead, and the Syrians wounded Joram.

29 And king Joram went back to be healed in Jezreel, of y^e wounds which the Syrians had given him at Ramah, where he fought against Hazael king of Syria: and Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah, went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

CHAP. IX.

1 *Iehu is anointed.* 11 *He killeth Ioram in the field of Naboth.* 30 *Proud Iere-4 bel is eaten by dogs.*

And Elisha the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said unto him, Gird up thy loins, and take this box of oil in thine hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead.

2 And when thou comest thither, look out there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him arise up from among his brethren, and carry him to an inner-chamber.

3 Then take the box of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel: then open the door, and flee, and carry not.

4 ¶ So the young man, even the young man y^e prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead.

5 And when he came, behold, the captains of the host were sitting, and he said, I have an errand to thee, O captain: and Jehu said, Unto which of all us? And he said, To thee, O captain.

6 And he arose, and went into the house, and he poured the oil on his head, & said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I have anointed thee king over the people of the LORD, even over Israel.

7 And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel.

8 For the whole house of Ahab shall perish, and I will cut off from Ahab, him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel.

9 And I will make the house of Ahab, like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah.

10 And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, & there shall be none to bury her. And he opened y^e door, and fled.

11 ¶ Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his lord, and one said unto him, Is Israel well? wherefore came thou thus self low to thee? And he said unto them, Ye know the man and his communication.

12 And they said, It is false, tell us now, and he said, Thus and thus spake he to me, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel.

13 Then they halted, and took every man his garment, and put it under him on the top of the stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, Jehu is king.

14 So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimhi, conspired against Joram: (now Joram had kept Ramoth-gilead, because of Hazael king of Syria:

15 But king Joram was returned to be healed in Jezreel, of the wounds which the Syrians had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria) And Jehu said, if it be your mindes, then let none go forth nor escape out of the city, so go to tell it in Jezreel.

16 So Jehu rode in a chariot, & went to Jezreel, (for Joram lay there) and Ahaziah king of Judah was come down to see Joram

17 And there stood a watchman on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, I see a company. And Joram said, Take an horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, Is it peace?

18 So there went one on horseback to meet him, & said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And Jehu said, what hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behinde me. And a watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he cometh not again.

19 Then he sent out a second on horseback, which came to them, and said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And Jehu answered, what hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behinde me.

20 And the watchman told, saying, He came even unto them, & cometh not again: & the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimhi; for he driveth furiously.

21 And Joram said, Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And Joram king of Israel, and Ahaziah king of Judah went out each in his chariot, and they went out against Jehu, and met him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite.

22 And it came to passe when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, what peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel, and her witchcrafts are many?

23 And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, There is treachery, O Ahaziah.

24 And Jehu drew a bow with his full strength, and smote Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot.

25 Then said Jehu to Bidkar his captain, Take up, and cast him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite; for remember, how that when I and thou rode together after Ahab his father, the LORD laid this burden upon him.

26 Surely, I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, said the LORD, and I will require thee in this plat, saith the LORD. Now therefore take and cast him into the plat of ground, according to the word of the LORD.

27 ¶ But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw this, he fled by the way of the garden-house: and Jehu followed after him and said, Smite him also in the chariot: and they did so, at the going up to Goss, which is by Ibleam: and he fled to Megiddo, and died there.

28 And his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his sepulchre with his fathers in the city of David.

29 And in the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab, began Ahaziah to reign over Judah.

30 ¶ And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it, and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window.

31 And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, Had Zimri peace, who slew his master?

32 And he lifted up his face to the window, & said, who is on my side, who? and there looked out to him two or three eunuchs.

33 And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down; and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot.

34 And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go see now this cursed woman, and bury her: for this is a kings daughter.

35 And they went to bury her, but they found no more of her then the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands.

36 Wherefore they came again, and told him: and he said, This is the word of the LORD, & he spake by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel.

37 And the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field, in the portion of Jezreel, so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel.

CHAPTER X.

Jehu causeth seventy of Abahs children to be beheaded. 15 Destroyeth the worshippers of Baal: 29 yet followeth Jehu's death. 34 Jezebel's succedeth him.

AND Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria: and Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, unto the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to them that brought up Ahab's children, saying,

2 Now as soon as this letter cometh to you, seeing your masters sons are with you, and there are with you chariots and horses, a fenced citie also, and armour:

3 Look even out the best and meekest of your masters sons, and set him on his fathers throne, and fight for your masters house.

4 But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Behold, two kings stood not before him: how then shall we stand?

5 And he that was over the house, and he that was over the city, the elders also, and the bringers up of the children, sent to Jehu, saying, we are thy servants, and will do all that thou shalt bid us, we will not make any king: do thou that which is good in thine eyes.

6 Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If ye be mine, and if ye will hearken unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your masters sons, and come to me to Jezreel by to morrow this time: (now the kings sons being seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, which brought them up)

7 And it came to passe when the letter came to them, that they took the kings sons, and slew seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent him them to Jezreel.

8 ¶ And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the kings sons. And he said,

lay ye them in two heaps at the entering of the gate, until the morning.

9 And it came to passe in the morning, that he went out, and stood; and said to all the people, Ye be righteous: behold, I conspire against my master, and slew him: but who slew all these?

10 Know now, that there shall fall unto y^e earth nothing of the word of the LORD, which the LORD spake concerning the house of Ahab: for the LORD hath done that which he spake by his servant Elijah.

11 So Jehu slew all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, & all his great men, and his kinsfolks, and his priests, until he left him none remaining.

12 ¶ And he arose and departed, and came to Samaria: and as he was at the shearing-house in the way,

13 Jehu met with the brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, who are ye? And they answered, we are the brethren of Ahaziah, and we go down to salute the children of the king, and the children of the queen.

14 And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, & slew them at the pit of the shearing-house, even two and forty men; neither left he any of them.

15 ¶ And when he was departed thence, he lighted on Jehonadab the son of Rechab, coming to meet him, and he saluted him, & said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? and Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give me thine hand: and he gave him his hand, and he took him up to him into the chariot.

16 And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for the LORD: so they made him ride in his chariot.

17 And when he came to Samaria, he slew all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the LORD, which he spake to Elijah.

18 ¶ And Jehu gathered all y^e people together, & said unto them, Abimelech Baal a little, but Jehu shall serve him much.

19 Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests, let none be wanting, for I have a great sacrifice to do to Baal; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live. But Jehu did it subtilly, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal.

20 And Jehu said, Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed it.

21 And Jehu sent through all Israel, and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not: And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was full from one end to another.

22 And he said unto him that was over the vestry, Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal. And he brought them forth vestments.

23 And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab into the house of Baal, and said unto the worshippers of Baal, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of the LORD, but the worshippers of Baal only.

24 And when they went in to offer sacrifices, and burnt-offerings, Jehu appointed fourscore men without, and said, If any of the men whom I have brought

into your hands, escape, he shall be as I have made him go, his life shall be for y^e life of him.

25 And it came to pass as he had made an end of offering the burnt-offering, that Jehu said to the guard, and to the captain, Go in, and slay them, let none come forth. And they smote them with the edge of the sword, and the guard and the captains cast them out, and went to the city of the house of Baal.

26 And they brought forth the images out of the house of Baal, and burnt them.

27 And they brake down the image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, & made it a draught-house unto this day.

28 Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

29 ¶ Howbeit from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, whomade Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them, to wit, the golden calves that were in Beth-el, and that were in Dan.

30 And the LORD said unto Jehu, Because thou hast done well in executing that which is right in mine eyes, and hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that was in mine heart, thy children of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel.

31 But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel, with all his heart: for he departed not from y^e sins of Jeroboam, which made Israel to sin.

32 ¶ In those dayes the LORD began to cut Israel short: and Hazael smote them in all the coasts of Israel;

33 From Jordan east-ward, all the land of Gilead, & Gadres, & the Reubenites, & the Manassites, from Aroer, (which is by the river Arnon) even Gilead & Bashan.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

35 And Jehu slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria, and Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead.

36 And the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria, was twenty and eight years.

CHAP. XI.

1 Jehoshaphat saved from Athaliah malice. 4 is anointed by Jehoiada.

And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose, and destroyed all the seed royal.

2 But Jehoshaphat the daughter of King Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Iotham y^e son of Ahaziah, & stole him from among y^e kings sons which were slain; and they hid him, even him and his nurse in y^e bed-chamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain.

3 And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD, six years: and Athaliah did reign over the land.

4 ¶ And the seventh year Jehoiada sent and set the rulers over hundreds, with the captains and the guard, and brought them to him into the house of y^e LORD, and made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the LORD, and shewed them the kings son.

5 And he commanded them, saying, This is y^e thing that ye shall do; a third part of you y^e enter in to the Sabbath gate, even be keepers of the watch of y^e kings house;

6 And a third part shall be at the gate of

of Sur: & a third part at the gate behinde the guard: so that all ye keep the watch of the house that it be not broken down.

7. And two parts of all you, that go forth on the sabbath, *even* they shall keep the watch of the house of the LORD about the king.

8 And ye shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand: and he that cometh within the ranges, let him be slain: & be ye with the king as he goeth out, and as he cometh in.

9 And the captains over the hundreds did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that should go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest.

10 And to the captains over hundreds, did the priest give king Davids spears and shields that were in the temple.

11 And the guards stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, round about the king, from the right corner of the temple, to the left corner of the temple, *along* by the altar and the temple.

12 And he brought forth the kings son, and put the crown upon him, & gave him the testimonie, and they made him king, and anointed him, and they clapt their hands, and said, God save the king.

13 ¶ And when Athaliah heard the noise of the guard, and of the people, she came to the people, into the temple of the LORD.

14 And when she looked, behold, the king stood by a pillar, as the manner was, and the princes, and the trumpeters by the king, and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets: and Athaliah rent her clothes, and cried, Treason, treason.

15 But Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the host, and said unto them, Have her forth without the ranges; and him that followeth her, kill with the sword: for the priest had said, Let her not be slain in the house of the LORD.

16 And they laid hands on her, and she went by the way by the which the horses came into the kings house, and there was she slain.

17 ¶ And Jehoiada made a covenant between the LORD, and the king and the people, that they should be the LORDS people; between the king also and the people.

18 And all the people of the land went into the house of Baal, and brake it down, his altars, and his images brake they in pieces thoroughly, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars: and the priest appointed officers over the house of the LORD.

19 And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and all the people of the land, and they brought down the king from the house of the LORD, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the kings house, and he sat on the throne of the kings.

20 And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the citie was in quiet; and they slew Athaliah with the sword *beside* the kings house.

21 Seven years old was Jehoash when he began to reign.

CHAP. XII.

Jehoshaphat reigneth well all the dayes of Jehoiada. 19 the is slain.

IN the seventh year of Jehu, Jehoash began to reign; and forty years reigned he in Jerusalem: and his mothers name was Zibiah of Beer-sheba.

2 And Jehoash did that which was right in the sight of the LORD all his dayes, wherein Jehoiada the priest instructed him.

3 But the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed, and burnt incense in the high places.

4 ¶ And Jehoash said to the priests, All the money of the dedicated things that is brought into the house of the LORD, *even* the money of every one that passeth the account, the money that every man is set at, and all the money that cometh into any mans heart to bring into the house of the LORD,

5 Let the priests take it to them, every man of his acquaintance, and let them repair the breaches of the house, where-soever any breach shall be found.

6 But it was so, that in the three and twentieth year of king Jehoash, the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house.

7 Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest and the other priests, and said unto them, Why repair ye not the breaches of the house? now therefore receive no more money of your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house.

8 And the priests consented to receive no more money of the people, neither to repair the breaches of the house.

9 But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the sid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side; as one cometh into the house of the LORD, and the priests that kept the door, put therein all the money that was brought into the house of the LORD.

10 And it was so, when they saw that there was much money in the chest, that the kings scribe, and the high priest came up, and they put up in bags, and told the money that was found in the house of the LORD.

11 And they gave the money, being told, into the hands of them that did the work, that had the oversight of the house of the LORD: and they laid it out to the carpenters and builders, that wrought upon the house of the LORD.

12 And to masons, and hewers of stone, and to buy timber, and hewed stone to repair the breaches of the house of the LORD, and for all that was laid out for the house to repair it.

13 Howbeit, there were not made for the house of the LORD bowls of silver, frasers, basons, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money that was brought into the house of the LORD:

14 But they gave that to the workmen, and repaired therewith the house of the LORD.

15 Moreover, they reckoned not with the men, into whose hand they delivered the money to be bestowed on workmen: for they dealt faithfully.

15 The treſpaſſe-money, and ſilver money was not brought into the houſe of the LORD; it was the prieſts.

17 ¶ Then Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought againſt Gath, and took it: and Hazael ſet his face to go up to Jeruſalem.

18 And Jehoahaz king of Judah took all the hallowed things that Jehoſaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziaſh his fathers, kings of Judah had dedicate, and his own hallowed things, and all the gold that was found in the treaſures of the houſe of the LORD, and in the kings houſe, and ſent it to Hazael king of Syria, and he went away from Jeruſalem.

19 ¶ And the reſt of the acts of Joaſh, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

20 And his ſervants aroſe, and made a conſpiracy, and ſlew Joaſh in the houſe of Millo, which goeth down to Silla.

21 For Iozabab the ſon of Shimeath, and Jehoabab the ſon of Shomer, his ſervants, ſmote him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David, and Amaziaſh his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *Jehoa-haz his wicked reign.* 3 *Joahſh ſucceedeth him.* 14 *Eliſha's death.*

IN the three and twentieth year of Joaſh the ſon of Ahaziaſh king of Judah, Jehoahaz the ſon of Jehoſhaphat began to reign over Iſrael in Samaria, and reigned ſeventeen years.

2 And he did that which was evil in the ſight of the LORD, and followed the ſins of Jeroboam ſon of Nebat, which made Iſrael to ſin, he departed not there from.

3 ¶ And the anger of the LORD was kindled againſt Iſrael, and he delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Ben-hadad the ſon of Hazael, all their dayes.

4 And Jehoahaz beſought the LORD, and the LORD hearkened unto him: for he ſaw the oppreſſion of Iſrael, becauſe the king of Syria oppreſſed them.

5 (And the LORD gave Iſrael a ſaviour, ſo that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Iſrael dwelt in their tents, as before-time.)

6 Nevertheless, they departed not from the ſins of the houſe of Jeroboam, who made Iſrael ſin, but walked therein: and there remained the grove alſo in Samaria.)

7 Neither did he leave of the people to Jehoahaz, but fifty horſemen, and ten chariots, and ten thouſand footmen; for the king of Syria had deſtroyed them, and had made them like the duſt by thringing.

8 Now the reſt of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael?

9 And Jehoahaz ſlept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria, and Joaſh his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

10 ¶ In the thirty and ſeventh year of Joaſh king of Judah, began Jehoſhaphat the ſon of Jehoahaz to reign over Iſrael in Samaria, and reigned ſixteen years.

11 And he did that which was evil in the ſight of the LORD; he departed not from all the ſins of Jeroboam the ſon of

Nebat, who made Iſrael ſin: but he walked therein.

12 Add the reſt of the acts of Joaſh, and all that he did, and his might wherewith he fought againſt Amaziaſh king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael?

13 And Joaſh ſlept with his fathers, and Jeroboam ſat upon his throne: and Joaſh was buried in Samaria with the kings of Iſrael.

14 ¶ Now Eliſha was fallen ſick, of his ſickneſſe wherewith he died, and Joaſh the king of Iſrael came down unto him, and wept over his face, and ſaid, O my father, my father, the chariot of Iſrael, and the horſemen thereof.

15 And Eliſha ſaid unto him, Take bow and arrows: and he took unto him bow and arrows.

16 And he ſaid to the king of Iſrael, Put thine hand upon the bow: and he put his hand upon it: and Eliſha put his hands upon the kings hands.

17 And he ſaid, Open the window eaſt-ward: and he opened it. Then Eliſha ſaid, Shoot: and he ſhot. And he ſaid, The arrow of the LORDS deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou ſhalt ſmite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have conſumed them.

18 And he ſaid, Take the arrows: and he took them. And he ſaid unto the king of Iſrael, Smite upon the ground: and he ſmote thrice, and ſtayed.

19 And the men of God was wroth with him, and ſaid, Thou ſhouldeſt have ſmitten five or ſix times, then haſt thou ſmitten Syria till thou haſt conſumed it: whereas now thou ſhalt ſmite Syria but thrice.

20 ¶ And Eliſha died, and they buried him: and the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of 7 year.

21 And it came to paſſe as they were burying a man, that beheld, they ſpied a band of men, and they caſt the man into the ſepulchre of Eliſha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Eliſha, he revived, and ſtood upon his feet.

22 ¶ But Hazael king of Syria oppreſſed Iſrael all the dayes of Jehoahaz.

23 And the LORD was gracious unto them, and had compaſſion on them, and had reſpect unto them, becauſe of his covenant with Abraham, Iſaac, and Jacob, and would not deſtroy them, neither caſt he them from his preſence as yet.

24 So Hazael king of Syria died, and Ben-hadad his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

25 And Jehoahaz the ſon of Jehoſhaphat took again out of the hand of Ben-hadad the ſon of Hazael, the cities which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war: three times did Joaſh beat him, and recovered the cities of Iſrael.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *Amaziaſh's good reign.* 17 *He is ſlain by a conſpiracy.* 21 *Azariah ſucceedeth.*

IN the ſecond year of Joaſh ſon of Jehoahaz king of Iſrael, reigned Amaziaſh the ſon of Joaſh king of Judah.

2 He was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and reigned twenty and nine years in Jeruſalem: and his mothers name was Jehoaddan of Jeruſalem.

3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like David his father: he did according to all things as Joash his father did.

4 Howbeit, the high places were not taken away: as yet the people did sacrifice, and burnt incense on the high places.

5 ¶ And it came to passe also as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, that he slew his servants which had slain the king his father.

6 But the children of the murderers he slew not: according unto that which is written in the book of the law of Moses, wherein the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

7 He slew of Edom in the valley of salt, ten thousand, & took Sheilah by war, & called y^e name of it Iothbeel, unto this day.

8 ¶ Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz, son of Ichu king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face.

9 And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that was in Lebanon, sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wilde beast that was in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle.

10 Thou hast indeed smitten Edom, and thine heart hath lifted thee up: glory of this, and tarry at home: for why shouldst thou meddle to thy hurt, y^e thou shouldst fall, even thou, and Judah with thee?

11 But Amaziah would not hear: therefore Jehoash king of Israel went up, and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth-shehem, which belongeth to Judah.

12 And Judah was put to the worse before Israel, and they fled every man to their tents.

13 And Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah at Beth-shehem, and came to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, from the gate of Ephraim, unto y^e corner-gate, four hundred cubites.

14 And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the kings house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.

15 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

16 And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his stead.

17 ¶ And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah, lived after y^e death of Jehoash king of Israel, fifteen years.

18 And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

19 Now they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem: and he fled to Lachish, but they sent after him to Lachish, and slew him there.

20 And they brought him on horses, and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David.

21 ¶ And all the people of Judah took Azariah, (which was sixteen years old) and made him king in stead of his father Amaziah.

22 He built Elath, & restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

23 ¶ In the sixteenth year of Amaziah, the son of Joash king of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, and reigned fourty and one years.

24 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

25 He restored the coast of Israel from the entering of Hamath, unto the sea of Galilee, according to the word of y^e LORD God of Israel, which he spake by y^e hand of his servant J^hnah, the son of Amittai the prophet, which was of Gath-hepher.

26 For the LORD saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter: for there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel.

27 And the LORD said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

28 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, which belonged to Judah, for Israel, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

29 And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, even with the kings of Israel; and Zachariah his son reigned in his stead.

C H A P. XV.

1 *Azariah his good reign.* 5 *Jotham succeedeth.* 32 *Jothams good reign.*

IN the twenty and seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel, began Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah to reign.

2 Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned two and fifty years in Jerusalem, and his mothers name was Iecoliah of Jerusalem.

3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done;

4 Save that the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed, and burnt incense still on the high places.

5 ¶ And the LORD smote the king, so that he was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house, and Jotham the kings son was over the house, judging the people of the land.

6 And the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

7 So Azariah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the citie of David, and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

8 ¶ In the thirty and eight year of Azariah king of Judah, did Zachariah the son of Jeroboam reign over Israel in Samaria six months.

9 And he did that which was evil in the sight of y^e LORD, as his father had done:

he departed not from *ſ* fins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. *ſ* Shallum the son of Iabesh conspired against him, and smote him before *ſ* people, & slew him, and reigned in his stead. And the rest of the acts of Zachariah, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

12 This was the word of the LORD *ſ* he spake unto Jehu, saying, Thy sons shall sit on the throne of Israel, unto *ſ* fourth generation. And so it came to passe.

13 *ſ* Shallum the son of Iabesh began to reign in the nine and thirtieth year of Uzziah king of Judah, and he reigned full month in Samaria.

14 For Menahem the son of Gadi, went up from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and smote Shallum the son of Iabesh in Samaria, and slew him, and reigned in his stead.

15 And the rest of the acts of Shallum, and the conspiracy which he made, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

16 *ſ* Then Menahem smote Tiphah, and all that were therein, and the coasts thereof from Tirzah: because they opened not to him, therefore he smote it, and all the women therein that were with child, he ripped up.

17 In the nine and thirtieth year of Azariah king of Judah, began Menahem the son of Gadi to reign over Israel, and reigned ten years in Samaria.

18 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

19 And Pul the king of Assyria came against the land: and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver, that his hand might be with him, to confirm the kingdom in his hand.

20 And Menahem exacted the money of Israel, even of all the mighty men of valour, of each man fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of Assyria: so the king of Assyria turned back, and stayed not there in the land.

21 *ſ* And the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

22 And Menahem slept with his fathers, & Pekahiah his son reigned in his stead.

23 *ſ* In the sixtieth year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekahiah the son of Menahem began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned two years.

24 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

25 But Pekah the son of Remaliah, a captain of his conspired against him, and smote him in Samaria, in the palace of the kings house, with Argub, and Arich, & with him fifty men of the Gileadites: & he killed him, & reigned in his room.

26 And the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

27 *ſ* In the two and sixtieth year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned twenty years.

28 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

29 In the days of Pekah king of Israel, came Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and took Ijon, and Abel-beth-maachah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and carried them captive to Assyria.

30 And Holhea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and smote him, and slew him, and reigned in his stead, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah.

31 And the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

32 *ſ* In the second year of Pekah *ſ* son of Remaliah king of Israel, began Jotham *ſ* son of Uzziah king of Judah to reign.

33 Five & twenty years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and his mothers name was Jerusha, the daughter of Zadok.

34 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD: he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done.

35 *ſ* Howbeit, the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burnt incense still in the high places: he built the higher gate of the house of the LORD.

36 *ſ* Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

37 In these days the LORD began to send against Judah, Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah.

38 And Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father, and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

C H A P. X V I.

1 Ahaz his wicked reign. 2 The spoileth the temple. 29 Hezekiah succeedeth him.
IN the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah, Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign.

2 Twenty years old was Ahaz when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, and did not that which was right in the sight of the LORD his God, like David his father.

3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel; yea, and made his son to passe through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before *ſ* children of Israel.

4 And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

5 Then Rezin king of Syria, & Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel, came up to Jerusalem to war: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome him.

6 At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drove the Jews from Elath: and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there unto this day.

7 So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, I am thy servant and thy sons come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and

and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rise up against me.

3 And Ahaz took the silver & gold that was found in the house of the LORD, & in the treasures of the king's house, and sent it for a present to the king of Assyria.

9 And the king of Assyria hearkened unto him: for the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried the people of it captive to Kir, and slew Rezin.

10 ¶ And king Ahaz went to Damascus, to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and saw an altar that was at Damascus, and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest of the fashion of the altar, & the pattern of it, according to all the workmanship thereof.

11 And Urijah the priest built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus: so Urijah the priest made it, against king Ahaz came from Damascus.

12 And when the king was come from Damascus, the king saw the altar: and the king approached to the altar, and offered thereon.

13 And he burnt his burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, and poured his drink-offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace-offerings upon the altar.

14 And he brought also the brazen altar which was before the LORD, from the forefront of the house, from between the altar and the house of the LORD, and put it on the north-side of the altar.

15 And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt-offering, and the evening meat-offering, and the king's burnt-sacrifice, and his meat-offering, with the burnt-offering of all the people of the land, and their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, and sprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt-offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice: and the brazen altar shall be for me to enquire by.

16 Thus did Urijah the priest, according to all that king Ahaz commanded.

17 ¶ And king Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases, and removed the laver from off them, and took down the sea from off the brazen oxen that were under it, and put it upon a pavement of stones.

18 And the covert for the sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry without, turned he from the house of the LORD, for the king of Assyria.

19 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz, which he did, are they not written in the book of chronicles of the kings of Judah?

20 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David, and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *Hoshea's wicked reign. 5* *Samaria is captivated. 24* *The strange nations plagued by lions, make a mixture of religions.*

IN the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah, began Hoshea the son of Elah to reign in Samaria, over Israel nine years.

2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him.

3 Against him came up Shalmaneser

king of Assyria, and Hoshea became his servant, and gave him presents.

4 And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea: for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison.

5 ¶ Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years.

6 ¶ In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

7 For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods.

8 And walked in the statutes of the heathen, (whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel) and of the kings of Israel, which they had made.

9 And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right, against the LORD their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen, to the fenced city.

10 And they set them up images and groves in every high hill: and under every green tree:

11 And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the heathen whom the LORD carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger.

12 For they served idols, whereof the LORD had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing.

13 Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.

14 Notwithstanding, they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the LORD their God.

15 And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them, and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not do like them.

16 And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal.

17 And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and incantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

18 Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight, there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.

19 Also Judah kept not the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made.

20 And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight.

21 For he rent Israel from the house of David, and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king, and Jeroboam drave Israel from following the LORD, and made them sin a great sin.

22 For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did, they departed not from them:

23 Until the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets: so was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria, unto this day.

24 ¶ And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria, in stead of the children of Israel; and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof.

25 And so it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not the LORD; therefore ^{the} LORD sent lions among them, which slew some of them.

26 Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the God of the land: therefore he hath sent lions among them, and behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of the God of the land.

27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence, and let them go and dwell there, & let him teach them the manner of the God of the land.

28 Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria, came and dwelt in Beth-el, and taught them how they should fear the LORD.

29 Howbeit, every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritanes had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwell.

30 And the men of Babylon made Succoth-benoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima,

31 And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech, and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.

32 So they feared the LORD, and made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests of high places, which sacrificed for them in high places of the high places.

33 They feared the LORD, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations, whom they carried away from thence.

34 Unto this day they do after the former manners: they fear not the LORD, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel:

35 With whom the LORD had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bowe your selves to them; nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them:

36 But the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt, with great power, and a stretched-out arm, him shall ye fear, and him shall ye worship, and to him shall ye do sacrifice.

37 And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandment which he wrote for you, ye shall observe to do for evermore, & ye shall not fear other gods.

38 And the covenant that I have made with you, ye shall not forget, neither shall ye fear other gods.

39 But the LORD your God ye shall fear, and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.

40 Howbeit, they did not hearken, but they did after their former manner.

41 So these nations feared the LORD, and served their graven images, both their children, and their childrens children: as did their fathers, so do they unto this day.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Hezekiah his good reign. 4 He destroyeth idolatrie, and prospereth. 9 Samaria is carried captive for their sins.

Now it came to passe in the third year of Holthea son of Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign.

2 Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem: his mothers name also was Abi, the daughter of Zachariah.

3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father did.

4 ¶ He removed the high places, and brake y^e images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan.

5 He trusted in the LORD God of Israel, so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him.

6 For he clave to the LORD, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses.

7 And the LORD was with him, and he prospered whithersoever he went forth: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not.

8 He smote the Philistines, even unto Gaza, and the borders thereof, from the tower of watchmen to the fenced city.

9 ¶ And it came to passe in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, (which was y^e seventh year of Holthea son of Elah king of Israel) that Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it.

10 And at the end of three years they took it, even in the sixth year of Hezekiah (that is the ninth year of Holthea king of Israel) Samaria was taken.

11 And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel unto Assyria, and put them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes:

12 Because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed his covenant and all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded; and would not hear them, nor do them.

13 ¶ Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, did Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them.

14 And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have offended, return from me: that which thou puttest on me, I will bear. And the king of Assyria appointed unto Hezekiah king of Judah, three hundred talents of silver, & thirty talents of gold.

15 And Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house.

16 At that time did Hezekiah cut off the gold from the doors of the temple of the LORD, and from the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.

17 ¶ And the king of Assyria sent Tartan, and Rabaris, and Rabshakeh from Lachish, to king Hezekiah with a great host against Jerusalem: and they went up and came to Jerusalem: and when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which is in the high way of the fullers field.

18 And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder.

19 And Rabshakeh said unto them, Speak ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, what confidence is this wherein thou trustest?

20 Thou sayest, (but they are but vain words) I have counsel and strength for the war: now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?

21 Now behold, thou trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, even upon Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, & pierce it: so is Pharaoh King of Egypt unto all that trust on him.

22 But if ye say unto me, We trust in the LORD our God: is not that he whose high places, and whose altars, Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?

23 Now therefore, I pray thee, give pledges to my Lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them.

24 How then wilt thou turn away the face of our captain of the least of my masters servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

25 Am I now come up without the LORD against this place to destroy it? The LORD said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

26 Then said Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and Shebna, and Joah, unto Rabshakeh, speak, pray thee, to thy servants in the Syrian language, (for we understand it) and talk not with us in the Jews language, in the ears of the people that are on the wall.

27 But Rabshakeh said unto them, Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? hath he not sent me to the men which sit on the walls, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you?

28 Then Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews language, and spake, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria.

29 Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you, for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand:

30 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

31 Hearken not unto Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, Make an agreement with me by a present, & come out to me, and then eat ye of man's flesh, and drink ye every one the waters of his cistern:

32 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil-olive, and of honey, that ye may live and not die: and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he persuadeth you, saying, The LORD will deliver us.

33 Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

34 Where are the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? have they delivered Samaria out of mine hand?

35 Who are they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of mine hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of mine hand?

36 But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word: for kings commandment was, saying, Answer him not.

37 Then came Eliakim son of Hilkiah, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Hezekiah sendeth to Isaiah to pray for them. 6. *Isaiah's comfort to him.*

3 Sennacherib's blasphemy. 35 An angel slayeth the Assyrians. 36 Sennacherib is slain.

AND it came to pass when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.

2 And he sent Eliakim, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet son of Amos.

3 And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke and blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and there is no strength to bring forth.

4 It may be the LORD thy God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that are left.

So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall I say to your master, Thus saith the LORD, be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and shall return to his own land, & I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish.

And when he heard say of Tirhakah King of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight against thee: he sent messengers again unto Hezekiah, saying,

Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah King of Judah, saying, Let not thy God whom thou trustest, deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: and shall thou be delivered?

Have the gods of the nations delivered them? my fathers have destroyed: as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden, were in Thelasar?

Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah?

And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it.

Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, which dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth, thou hast made heaven and earth.

LORD, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, LORD, thine eyes, and see: & hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproach the living God.

Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands.

And have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.

Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD God, even thou only.

Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, That which thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib King of Assyria, I have heard.

This is the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning him, The virgin, daughter of Zion hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn, daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee.

Whom hast thou reproached, and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice, & lifted up thine eyes on high? even against the holy one of Israel.

By thy messengers thou hast re-

proached the LORD, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots I am come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down the tall cedar-trees thereof: and the choice fir-trees thereof: and I will enter into the lodgings of his borders, and into the forest of his Carmel.

I have digged and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of besieged places.

Hast thou not heard long ago, how I have done it, and of ancient times that I have formed it? now have I brought in to pass that thou shouldst be to lay waste fenced cities into ruinous heaps.

Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded, they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the house tops, and as corn blasted before it be grown up.

But I know thy abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me.

Because thy rage against me, and thy tumult is come up in mine ears, therefore I will put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, & I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

And this shall be a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year such as which springeth of the same, and in the third year sow ye and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof.

And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah, shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the remnant of the LORD of hosts shall do this.

Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shall he arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it.

By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD.

For I will defend this city to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians, an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

So Sennacherib King of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

And it came to pass as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech & Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Armenia, and Sardanapalus his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XX.

Hezekiah receiving a message of death by prayer, hath his life continued. The sun goeth ten degrees backward, for a sign.

20. Manasseh persecuted him. In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death: and the prophet Isaiah the son

The sun goeth backward.

II. Kings.

Manasse's wickedness.

of Amoz came to him, & said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Settine house in order, for thou shalt die, and not live.

2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying,

3 I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth, and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight: and Hezekiah wept sore.

4 And it came to passe for I saiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

5 Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee; on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD.

6 And I will add unto thy days fifteen years, and I will deliver thee, and this city, out of y hand of y king of Assyria, & I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant Davids sake.

7 And I saiah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.

8 ¶ And Hezekiah said unto I saiah, What shall be the signe that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the LORD the third day?

9 And I saiah said, This signe shalt thou have of the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go backward ten degrees?

10 And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees.

11 And I saiah the prophet cried unto the LORD, and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz.

12 ¶ At that time Berodach-baladan son of Baladan king of Babylon, sent letters and a present unto Hezekiah: for he had heard y Hezekiah had been sick.

13 And Hezekiah hearkened unto them, and shewed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, & the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all y was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

14 ¶ Then came I saiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country, even from Babylon.

15 And he said, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All the things that are in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures, that I have not shewed them.

16 And I saiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD,

17 Behold, the dayes come, that all that is in thine house, & that which thy father have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.

18 And of thy sons that shall issue

from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away, & they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

19 Then said Hezekiah unto I saiah, Good is the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. And he said, Is it not good, if peace and truth be in my dayes?

20 ¶ And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made a pool, and a conduit, and brought water into the city, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

21 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, & Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Manasseh his reigne. 3 His great idolatry. 19 Amos's wicked reigne. 23 He being slain, Josiah is made king.

Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem: and his mothers name was Hephzi-bah.

2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

3 For he built up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed, and he reared up altars for Baal, and made a grove, as did Ahab king of Israel, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.

4 And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD said, In Jerusalem will I put my name.

5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven, in the two courts of the house of the LORD.

6 And he made his son passe through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits, and wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

7 And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made, in y house, of the LORD said to David, & to Solomon his son, In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever.

8 Neither will I make the feet of Israel move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; onely if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them.

9 But they hearkened not: and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations, whom the LORD destroyed before the children of Israel.

10 ¶ And the LORD spake by his servants the prophets, saying,

11 Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which were before him, & hath made Judah also to sin with his idols:

12 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, y whose ever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle.

13 And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab; and I will wipe Jerusalem

Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down.

14 And I will forsake the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies, and they shall become a prey, and a spoil to all their enemies;

15 Because they have done that I was evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger since I day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day.

16 Moreover, Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another, beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of the LORD.

17 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

18 And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

19 ¶ Amon was twenty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem: and his mothers name was Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Jothab.

20 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as his father Manasseh did.

21 And he walked in all the way of his father walked in, and served the idols of his father served, and worshipped them:

22 And he forsook the LORD God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of the LORD.

23 ¶ And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and slew the king in his own house.

24 And the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon, and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

25 Now the rest of the acts of Amon, and he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

26 And he was buried in his sepulchre, in the garden of Uzza: and Josiah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXII.

1 *Jehoiakims good reign.* 3 *He taketh care for the repair of the temple.* 4 *Hilkiah findeth the book of the law.* 5 *Huldah propheseth the destruction of Jerusalem.*

Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem: and his mothers name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath.

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

3 ¶ And it came to passe in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, that the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam the scribe, to the house of the LORD, saying;

4 Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum the silver which is brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people.

5 And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD: and let them give it to the doers of the work, which is in the house of the LORD, to repair the breaches of the house;

6 Unto carpenters and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewen stone to repair the house.

7 Howbeit, there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

8 ¶ And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD: and Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

9 And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, & said, Thy servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD.

10 And Shaphan the scribe shewed the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a book: and Shaphan read it before the king.

11 And it came to passe when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes.

12 And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiab, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the kings, saying;

13 Go ye, enquire of the LORD for me, & for the people, & for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.

14 So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe, (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the colledge) and they communed with her.

15 ¶ And she said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me;

16 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read.

17 Because they have forsaken me, and have burnt incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands: therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.

18 But to the king of Judah which sent you to enquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, As touching the words which thou hast heard;

19 Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spoke against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become

a desolation, and a curse; and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me: I also have heard thee, saith the LORD.

20 Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace, and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 *Josiah causeth the book to be read. He reneweth the covenant of the Lord, & destroyeth idolatry.*

And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah, and of Jerusalem.

2 And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah, & all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD.

3 ¶ And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes, with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant, that were written in this book: & all the people stood to the covenant.

4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, & the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD, all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: & he burnt them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Beth-el.

5 And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places, in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem, them also that burnt incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven.

6 And he brought out the grove from the house of the LORD, without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burnt it at the brook Kidron, & stamp'd it small to powder, & cast y powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people.

7 And he brake down the houses of the Sodomites that were by the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the grove.

8 And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where y priests had burnt incense, from Geba to Beer-sheba, & brake down the high places of the gates that were in the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governour of the city, which were on a mans left hand at the gate of the city.

9 Nevertheless the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of the Lords in Jerusalem, but they did eat of y unleavened bread among their brethren.

10 And he defiled Topheth, which is in the valley of the children of Hinnom; y no man might make his son or his daughter to passe through the fire to Molech.

11 And he took away the horses that y

kings of Judah had given to the sun, at y entering in of the boufe of the LORD, by y chamber of Nathan-melech the chamberlain, which was in the suburbs, and burnt the chariots of the sun with fire.

12 And the altars that were on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, did the king beat down, and brake them down from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron.

13 And the high places that were before Jerusalem, & were on the right hand of y mount of corruption, which Solomon y king of Israel had builded for Aithoren the abomination of the Sidonians, & for Chemoth y abomination of the Moabites, and for Milchom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile.

14 And he brake in pieces the images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men.

15 ¶ Moreover, the altar that was at Beth-el, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he brake down, and burnt the high place, and stamp'd it small to powder, and burnt the grove.

16 And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres y were there in the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of y sepulchres, & burnt them upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of y LORD y the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.

17 Then he said, what title is that y I see? & the men of the city told him, it is the sepulchre of the man of God, which came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of Beth-el.

18 And he said, Let him alone, let no man move his bones: so they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet that came out of Samaria.

19 And all the houses also of the high places that were in y cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke the LORD to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Beth-el.

20 And he slew all the priests of the high places that were there, upon the altars, and burnt mens bones upon them, and returned to Jerusalem.

21 ¶ And the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the passover unto the LORD your God, as it is written in the book of the covenant.

22 Surely there was not holden such a passover, from the days of the judges y judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of y kings of Judah.

23 But in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, wherein this passover was holden to the LORD in Jerusalem.

24 ¶ Moreover the workers with familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah, and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law, which were written in the book

book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD.

15 And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him.

16 ¶ Notwithstanding, the LORD turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all his provocations: Manasseh had provoked him withal.

17 And the LORD said, I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem, which I have chosen, & the house of which I said, My name shall be there.

18 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of Chronicles of Kings of Judah?

19 ¶ In his dayes Pharaoh Necho king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates: and king Josiah went against him, & he slew him at Megiddo, when he had seen him.

20 And his servants carried him in a chariot dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own sepulchre: and the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his fathers stead.

21 ¶ Jehoahaz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem: and his mothers name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

22 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

23 And Pharaoh Necho put him in bands at Riblah, in the land of Hamath, for he might not reign in Jerusalem, and put the land to a tribute of an hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold.

24 And Pharaoh Necho made Eliakim the son of Josiah king, in the room of Josiah his father, and turned his name to Jehoiakim, and took Jehoahaz away: and he came to Egypt, and died there.

25 And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh, but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh: he exacted the silver & the gold of the people of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give it unto Pharaoh Necho.

26 ¶ Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and his mothers name was Zebadab, the daughter of Pedaiab of Rumah.

27 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

CHAP. XLIIII.

1 *Jehoiakim rebelling, procurereth his own ruine. 10 Jerusalem is taken. 17 Zedekiahs evil reign.*

IN his dayes Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him.

2 And the LORD sent against him bands of the Caldees, and bands of the

Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, & bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servants the prophets.

3 Surely at the commandment of the LORD came this upon Judah, to remove them out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did:

4 And also for the innocent blood that he shed, (for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood,) which the LORD would not pardon.

5 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

6 So Jehoiakim slept & his fathers: & Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.

7 And the king of Egypt came not again any more out of his land: for the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt unto the river Euphrates, all that pertained to the king of Egypt.

8 ¶ Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months: and his mothers name was Nehultha the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

9 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done.

10 ¶ At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged.

11 And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants did besiege it.

12 And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, & his servants, and his princes, & his officers: & the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign.

13 And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the kings house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold, which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said.

14 And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, & all the mighty men of valour, even ten thousand captives, & all the craftsmen, and smiths: none remained, save a poorest sort of the people of the land.

15 And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the kings mother, and the kings wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, whom he carried he into captivity, from Jerusalem to Babylon.

16 And all the men of might, even seven thousand, and craftsmen, and smiths a thousand, all that were strong, and apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

17 ¶ And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his fathers brother king in his stead, & changed his name to Zedekiah.

18 Zedekiah was twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and his mothers name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

19 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

20 For through the anger of the LORD it came to passe in Ierusalem and Judah, untill he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

CHAPTER XXV.

1 *Ierusalem is besieged. 4 Zedekiah taken, his sons slain, his eyes put out.*

2 *The people captivated.*

AND it came to passe in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host, against Ierusalem, and pitched against it, and they built forts against it round about.

3 And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

4 And on the ninth day of the fourth month, the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.

5 ¶ And the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled by night, by the way of the gate, between two walls, which is by the king's garden, (now the Caldees were against the city round about) and the king went the way toward the plain.

6 And the army of the Caldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him.

7 So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon, to Riblah, and they gave judgement upon him.

8 And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon.

9 ¶ And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month (which is the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon) came Nebuzaradan captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon unto Ierusalem.

10 And he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all the houses of Ierusalem, and every great mans house burnt he with fire.

11 And all the army of the Caldees that were with y captain of the guard, brake down y walls of Ierusalem round about.

12 Now the rest of the people y were left in the city, & the fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of y multitude, did Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carry away.

13 But the captain of the guard left of the poor of the land, to be vine-dressers and husbandmen.

14 And the pillars of brass that were in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brazen sea that was in the house of the LORD, did the Caldees break in pieces, and carried the brass of them to Babylon.

15 And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away.

16 And the fire-pans, and the bowls, and such things as were of gold, in gold, and of silver, in silver, the captain of the guard took away.

17 The two pillars, one sea, and the bases which Solomon had made for the

house of the LORD, the brass of all these vessels was without weight.

18 The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and the chapter upon it was of brass: & the height of the chapter three cubits: and the wreathen-work, and pomegranates upon the chapter round about, all of brass: and like unto these had the second pillar & wreathen-work.

19 ¶ And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door.

20 And out of the city he took an officer, that was set over the men of war, and five men of them that were in the king's presence, which were found in the city, and the principall scribe of the host, which mustered the people of the land, and threescore men of the people of the land that were found in the city.

21 And Nebuzaradan captain of the guard took these, and brought them to the king of Babylon, to Riblah.

22 And the king of Babylon smote them, and slew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath: so Iudah was carried away out of their land.

23 ¶ And as for the people that remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ruler.

24 And when all the captains of the armies, they, and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, there came to Gedaliah at Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nerthaniah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite, they, and thir men.

25 And Gedaliah sware to them, and to their men, and said unto them, Fear not to be the servants of the Caldees: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.

26 But it came to passe in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nerthaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royall, came, and ten men with him, and smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the Caldees that were with him at Mizpah.

27 And all the people both small and great, and the captains of the armies arose, and came to Egypt: for they were afraid of the Caldees.

28 ¶ And it came to passe in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, and the seven and twentieth day of the month, that Evilmerodach king of Babylon, in the year that he began to reign, did lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison.

29 And he spake kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon.

30 And changed his prison-garments: and he did eat bread continually before him all the days of his life.

31 And his allowance was a continual allowance given him of the king, a daily rate for every day, all y days of his life.

The first book of the CHRONICLES.

C H A P. I.

1 *Adams line to Noab. 24 Shems line to Abraham. 34 The posteritie of Abraham by Esau.*

A Dam, Sherb, Enosh,
2 Kenan, Mahtaleel, Iered,
3 Henoch, Methulelah, Lamech,
4 Noab, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
5 ¶ The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Melchec, and Tiras.
6 And the sons of Gomer; Aschenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.

7 And the sons of Javan; Elifshah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.

8 ¶ The sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.

9 And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabta, and Raamah, and Sabreach: and the sons of Raamah, Sheba, and Dedan.

10 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be mighty upon the earth.

11 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Ananim, and Lehabim, and Naphtumim,

12 And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (of whom came the Philistines) & Caphtorim.

13 And Canaan begat Zidon his first-born, and Heth,

14 The Jebusite also, and the Amorite, and the Girgathite,

15 And the Hivite, and the Archite, and the Sinites,

16 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

17 ¶ The sons of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshech.

18 And Arphaxad begat Shelah, and Shelah begat Eber

19 And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of the one was Peleg, (because in his days the earth was divided), and his brother's name was Joktan.

20 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah,

21 Hadram also, & Uzal, and Diglah,

22 And Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba,

23 And Ophir, and Hivlah, and Jobab: all these were the sons of Joktan.

24 ¶ Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah,
25 Eber, Peleg, Rehu,

26 Serug, Nahor, Terah.

27 Abram, the same is Abraham.

28 The sons of Abraham; Isaac, and Ishmael.

29 ¶ These are their generations: the first-born of Ishmael; Nebajoth, then Kedur, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,

30 Mithma, and Dumah, Massa, Hadad, and Tema,

31 Ietur, Naphthi, and Kedemah. These are the sons of Ishmael.

32 ¶ Now the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: the bare Zimran, and Jokhan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of Jokhan; Sheba, and Dedan.

33 And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Ephar, and Hemoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these are the sons of Keturah.

34 And Abraham begat Isaac, The sons of Isaac; Esau and Israel.

35 ¶ The sons of Esau; Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah.

36 The sons of Eliphaz; Teman, and Omar, Zephi, and Gatham, Kenaz, and Timnah, and Amalek.

37 The sons of Reuel; Nabath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.

38 And the sons of Seir; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and Dishon, and Ezar, and Dishan.

39 And the sons of Lotan; Hori, and Homam: and Timna was Lotan's sister.

40 The sons of Shobal; Alian, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shephi, and Onam.

41 The sons of Zibeon; Aiah, and Anah.

42 The sons of Anah; Dishon, and the sons of Dishon; Anram, and Eliban, and Ithran, and Cheran.

43 The sons of Ezer; Bilhan, and Zavan, and Jakan. The sons of Dishon; Uz, and Aran.

44 ¶ Now these are the kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before any king reigned over the children of Israel, Bela the son of Beor: and the name of his city was Dinhabah.

45 And when Bela was dead, Jobab son of Zerah of Bozrah, reigned in his stead.

46 And when Jobab was dead, Husham of the land of the Temanites, reigned in his stead.

47 And when Husham was dead, Hadad the son of Bedad (which smote Midian in the field of Moab) reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Avith.

48 And when Hadad was dead, Samlah of Mazrekah reigned in his stead.

49 And when Samlah was dead, Shaul of Rehoboth by the river, reigned in his stead.

50 And when Shaul was dead, Baal-hanan son of Achbor reigned in his stead.

51 And when Baal-hanan was dead, Hadad reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Pail; and his wives name was Mehetabel the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

52 ¶ Hadad died also. And the dukes of Edom were; duke Timnah, duke Eliah, duke Jerther,

53 Duke Aholibamah, duke Elab, duke Pinon,

54 Duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar,

55 Duke Magdiel, duke Iam: these are the dukes of Edom.

C H A P. II.

1 *The sons of Israel. 3 Judah's posterity. 18 The posterity of Caleb.*

These are the sons of Israel; Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun,

2 Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Ather.

3 ¶ The sons of Judah; Er, & Onan, and Shelah: which three were born unto him of the daughter of Shuah the Canaanitess.

4 And Er, the first-born of Judah, was evil in the sight of the LORD, & he slew him.

5 And Tamar his daughter in law, bare him Pharez, and Zerah. All the sons of Judah were five.

6 The sons of Pharez; Hezron, & Hamul.

7 And the sons of Zerah; Zimri, and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and Darai: five of them in all.

7 And the sons of Carmi; Achar, the troubler of Israel, who transgressed in the thing accursed.

8 And the sons of Ethan; Azariah.

9 The sons also of Hezron, that were born unto him; Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Chelubai.

10 And Ram begat Amminadab, and Amminadab begat Nahshou, prince of the children of Judah;

11 And Nahshon begat Salma, and Salma begat Boaz,

12 And Boaz begat Obed, and Obed begat Jesse,

13 ¶ And Jesse begat his first-born Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and Shimma the third,

14 Nathanael the fourth, Raddai fifth,

15 Ozem the sixth, David the seventh:

16 whose sisters were Zeruiah, and Abigail. And the sons of Zeruiah; Abithai, and Joab, and Asabel, three.

17 And Abigail bare Amasa, and the father of Amasa was Jether of Ishmaelites.

18 ¶ And Caleb the son of Hezron begat children of Azubah his wife, and of Jerioth: her sons are these; Jether, and Shobab, and Ardon.

19 And when Azubah was dead, Caleb took unto him Ephrath, and bare him Hur.

20 And Hur begat Uri, and Uri begat Bezaleel.

21 ¶ And afterward Hezron went in to his daughter of Machir, daughter of Gilead, whom he married when he was three-score years old, and he bare him Segub.

22 And Segub begat Jai, who had three and twenty cities in the land of Gilead.

23 And he took Geshur, and Aram, with the towns of Jai, from them, with Kenath and the towns thereof, even three-score cities: all these belonged to the sons of Machir, the father of Gilead.

24 And after that Hezron was dead in Caleb-ephraim, then Abiah Hezrons wife bare him Aithur, father of Tekoa.

25 ¶ And the sons of Jerahmeel, first-born of Hezron were, Ram, first-born, & Bunah, and Oren, & Ozem, and Ahijah.

26 Jerahmeel had also another wife, whose name was Atarah, she was the mother of Onam.

27 And the sons of Ram the first-born of Jerahmeel were, Mazaz, & Jamin, & Eker.

28 And the sons of Onam were, Shammai, and Jada. And the sons of Shammai; Nadab, and Abithur.

29 And the name of the wife of Abithur was Abigail, and she bare him Abban, & Molad.

30 And the sons of Nadab; Seled, and Appaim: but Seled died without children.

31 And the sons of Appaim; Ithi. And the sons of Ithi; Shechan and the children of Shechan; Ahias.

32 And the sons of Judah the brother of Shammai; Jether, and Jonathan: and Jether died without children.

33 And the sons of Jonathan; Peleth, and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.

34 ¶ Now Shechan had no sons, but daughters: and Shechan had a servant, an Egyptian whose name was Jarha.

35 And Shechan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant to wife, and she bare him Attai.

36 And Attai begat Nathan, and Nathan begat Zabab,

37 And Zabab begat Ephial, and Ephial begat Obed,

38 And Obed begat Jehu, and Jehu begat Azariah,

39 And Azariah begat Helez, and Helez begat Eleasah,

40 And Eleasah begat Sisamai, and Sisamai begat Shallum,

41 And Shallum begat Jekamiah, and Jekamiah begat Elisama,

42 ¶ Now the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel were, Meshah his first-born, which was the father of Ziph: and the sons of Meshah the father of Hebron.

43 And the sons of Hebron; Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema.

44 And Shema begat Raham, the father of Jokiam: and Rekem begat Shammat.

45 And the sons of Shammat were Maon, and Maon was the father of Beth-zur.

46 And Ephah Calchis concubine bare Haran, and Moza, and Gazer: and Haran begat Gazer.

47 And the sons of Jahdai; Regem, and Jorham, and Gelhan, and Pelet, and Ephab, and Shaaph.

48 Maacha Calchis concubine bare Sheber, and Tirhanah.

49 She bare also Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Shevah the father of Machbenah, and the father of Gibeah: and the daughter of Caleb was Achsah.

50 ¶ These were the sons of Caleb the son of Hur, the first-born of Ephraim; Shobal the father of Kirjath-jearim,

51 Salma the father of Beth-lehem, Hareph the father of Beth-gader.

52 And Shobal the father of Kirjath-jearim, had sons; Haroe, and half of the Manabethites.

53 And the families of Kirjath-jearim; the Ithrites and the Puhites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites: of them came the Zareathites, and the Eshtaulites.

54 The sons of Salma; Beth-lehem, and the Netophathites, Ataroth, the house of Joab, and half of the Manabethites, the Zorites.

55 And the families of the scribes which dwell at Jabez; the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and Suchathites. These are the Kenites, that came of Hamath, the father of the house of Rechab.

C H A P. 111.

1 The sons of David. 10 His line to Zedekiah. 17 The successors of Jeroniah.

Now these were the sons of David, which were born unto him in Hebron; the first-born Amnon of Abigail the Jezreelitess; the second Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess:

2 The third, Absalom the son of Maachab, the daughter of Talmak king of Geshur; the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith:

3 The fifth, Shephariah of Abital the sixth, Ithrean by Hagiah his wife.

4 These six were born unto him in Hebron, and there he reigned seven years and six months; and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years.

5 And these were born unto him in Jerusalem; Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, four, of Bathsheba the daughter of Amasai.

6 Iddar also, & Eliphaz, & Eliphelet.

7 And Nogah and Nepheg, and Japhia,
8 And Elihama, and Eliada, and Eli-
phiel, nine.

9 These were all the sons of David,
beside the sons of the concubines, and
Tamar their sister.

10 ¶ And Solomon's son was Reho-
boam, Abia his son, Asa his son, Jeho-
shaphat his son,

11 Joram his son, Ahaziah his son,
Joash his son,

12 Amaziah his son, Azariah his son,
Jotham his son,

13 Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son,
Manasseh his son,

14 Amon his son, Josiah his son.

15 And the sons of Josiah were, the
first-born Johanan, the second Jehoia-
kim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth
Shallum.

16 And the sons of Jehoia-
kim his son, Zedekiah his son.

17 ¶ And the sons of Jeconiah; Assir,
Salathiel his son,

18 Malchiram also, and Pedaiab, & She-
nazar, Jecaniah, Hofama and Nedabiah.

19 And the sons of Pedaiab were Ze-
rubabel, and Shimei: and the sons of
Zerubbabel; Meshullam, and Hananiah,
and Shelomith their sister:

20 And Hathiubah, and Ohel, and Bere-
chia, and Hafadiah, Iuthab, besed, five.

21 And the sons of Hamaniah; Pela-
tiah, and Jeshiah: the sons of Rephaiah,
the sons of Arnon, the sons of Obadiah,
the sons of Shechaniah.

22 And the sons of Shechaniah; She-
maiah: and the sons of Shemaiah; Har-
tul, and Igeal, and Bariah, and Neariah,
and Shaphat, six.

23 And the sons of Neariah; Elieoenai,
and Hezekiah, and Azrikam, three.

24 And the sons of Elieoenai were,
Hodaiah, and Eliahib, and Pataiab, and
Akkub, and Johanan, and Delaiah, and
Anani, seven.

C H A P. II I I.

1, 11 The posterity of Judah by Caleb the
son of Hur. 24 The posterity of Simcon.

THe sons of Judah; Pharez, Hezron,
and Carmi, and Hur, and Shobab.

2 And Reaiah the son of Shobab, begat
Jahath, & Jahath begat Humai, & Lahad.
These are the families of the Zorathites.

3 And these were of the father of Etam;
Jezreel, and Ithma, and Idbath: and the
name of their sister was Hazekiponi.

4 And Pencoel the father of Gedor, and
Ezer the father of Husah. These are
the sons of Hur, the first-born of Ephra-
tah, the father of Berth-lehem.

5 ¶ And Ashur the father of Tekoah,
had two wives, Helah and Naarah.

6 And Naarah bare him Ahufam, and
Hepher, and Temeni, and Abashtari.
These were the sons of Naarah.

7 And the sons of Helah were, Zereb,
and Zoar, and Ethnan.

8 And Coz begat Anub, & Zobebab, and
5 families of Aharbel, the son of Harum.

9 ¶ And Jabez was more honourable
than his brethren: and his mother called
his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare
him with sorrow.

10 And Jabel called on the God of Is-
rael, saying, Oh that thou wouldst bless

me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and
that thine hand might be with me, and
that thou wouldest keep me from evil,
that it may not grieve me. And God
granted him that which he requested.

11 ¶ And Chelub 7 brother of Shuah,
begat Mehir, 7 was the father of Elhron.

12 And Elhron begat Beth-rapha, and
Pafesh, and Tehinnah the father of Ir-
nahab. These are the men of Rechab.

13 And the sons of Kenaz; Ortniel, and
Seraiah: & the sons of Ortniel; Harbar.

14 And Menothai begat Ophrah: and
Seraiah begat Joab, 7 father of 7 valley
of Charathim, for they were craftsmen.

15 And the sons of Caleb the son of
Jephunneh; Iru, Elah, and Naam: and
the sons of Elah, even Kenaz.

16 And the sons of Jehaleleel; Ziph,
and Ziphah, Tiria, and Asarel.

17 And the sons of Ezra were, Jetber,
and Mered, and Ephraim, and Jalon: and
the bare Miriam, and Shammai, and
Ithbah the father of Elhemoa.

18 And his wife Jehndijah bare Yered
the father of Gedor, & Heber the father
of Socho, & Jehuziel the father of Za-
noah. And these are the sons of Bithiah
the daughter of Pharaoh, 7 Mered took.

19 And the sons of his wife Modiah,
the sister of Naham, the father of Keilah
7 Garmire, & Elhemoa the Maachathite.

20 And 7 sons of Shimon were, Amnon,
and Rinnah, Ben-hanan, & Tilon. And 7
sons of Ithi were, Zoheth, & Ben-zoheth.

21 ¶ The sons of Shelah the son of
Judah were, Er the father of Lecab, and
Laadah the father of Marethah. And the
families of the house of them 7 wrought
fine linen, of the house of Ahbea,

22 And Jokim and the men of Cho-
zeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who had the
dominion in Moab, and Jathubi-lehem:
and these are ancient things.

23 These were the porters, and those
7 dwell amongst plants & hedges: there
they dwell with the king for his work.

24 ¶ The sons of Simcon were, Ne-
muel, & Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, and Shaul:

25 Shallum his son, Mitsam his son,
Mishma his son.

26 And the sons of Mishma; Hamuel
his son, Zaccbur his son. Shimei his son.

27 And Shimei had sixteen sons, and
six daughters, but his brethren had not
many children, neither did all their fami-
ly multiply, like to 7 children of Judah.

28 And they dwell at Beer-sheba,
and Moladah, and Hazar-shual,

29 And at Bilha, and at Ezem, and at
Tolad,

30 And at Bethuel, and at Hormah,
and at Ziklag,

31 And at Beth-marcaoth, and Ha-
zar-fufim, and at Beth-birei. And at
Shauraim: These were their cities, unto
the reign of David.

32 And their villages were, Etam, and
Ash, Rimmon, and Toben, and Ahan,
five cities.

33 And all their villages that were
round about the same cities, unto Baal.
These were their habitations, and their
genealogie.

34 And Meshobab, and Jamlech, and
Joishab, the son of Amriah,

35 And Joel, and Jehu the son of Josiab, the son of Seraia, the son of Asiel.

36 And Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and Jehoiadah, and Asaiab, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and Benaiah.

37 And Zizath the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiab, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah.

38 These mentioned by their names, were princes in their families, and the house of their fathers increased greatly.

39 ¶ And they went to the entrance of Gedor, even unto the east-side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks.

40 And they found fat pasture and good, and the land was wide, and quiet, and peaceable: for they of Ham had dwelt there of old.

41 And these written by name, came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and smote their tents, and the habitations that were found there, and destroyed them utterly unto this day, and dwelt in their rooms: because there was pasture there for their flocks.

42 And some of them, even of the sons of Simeon, five hundred men, went to mount Seir, having for their captains Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ithi.

43 And they smote the rest of the Amalekites that were escaped, and dwelt there unto this day.

C H A P. V.

1 *The line of Reuben unto the captivity.*

¶ *The chief men, & habitations of Gad.*

NOW the sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel. (for he was the first-born, but forasmuch as he defiled his fathers bed, his birth-right was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel: and the genealogie is not to be reckoned after the birth-right.)

1 For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the chief ruler, but the birth-right was Josephs.)

2 The sons, I say, of Reuben the first-born of Israel were, Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.

3 The sons of Joel; Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son,

4 Micah his son, Reaia his son, Baal his son,

5 Beerab his son, whom Tilgath-pileser king of Assyria, carried away captive: he was prince of the Reubenites.

6 And his brethren by their families (when the genealogie of their generations was reckoned) were the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah,

7 And Bela the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel, who dwelt in Aroer, even unto Nebo, and Baal-meon.

8 And east-ward he inhabited unto the entering in of the wilderness from the river Euphrates: because their cattle were multiplied in the land of Gilead.

9 And in the days of Saul they made war with 7 Hagarites, who fell by their hand: and they dwelt in their tents throughout all the east-land of Gilead.

10 ¶ And the children of Gad dwelt over against them, in the land of Baithan unto Silah.

11 Joel the chief, and Shapham the next, and Jaanai, and Shaphat in Baithan.

12 And their brethren of the house of their fathers were, Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jachan, and Zia, and Heber, seven.

13 These were the children of Abihail the son of Huri, the son of Jerobah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Issihai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz.

14 And the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, chief of the house of their fathers.

15 And they dwell in Gilead in Bashan, and in her towns, and in all the suburbs of Sharon, upon their borders.

16 ¶ These were reckoned by genealogies in 7 days of Jotham king of Judah, & in 7 days of Jeroboam king of Israel.

17 ¶ The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh, of valiant men, men able to bear buckler and sword, and to shoot with bow, and skillfull in war, were four and forty thousand seven hundred and threecore, that went out to the war.

18 And they made war with the Hagarites, with Jetur, & Nephthi, and Nodab.

19 And they were helped against them, and the Hagarites were delivered into their hand, and all that were with them: for they cried to God in the battle, and he was intreated of them, because they put their trust in him.

20 And they took away their carrels of their camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two hundred and sixty thousand, and of asses two thousand, and of men an hundred thousand.

21 For there fell down many slain, because the war was of God. And they dwelt in their steads untill 7 captivity.

22 ¶ And the children of the half tribe of Manasse dwelt in the land: they increased from Bashan, unto Baal-hermon, and Senir, and unto mount Hermon.

23 And these were the heads of the house of their fathers, even Ephraim, and Ithi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremias, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of valour, famous men, and heads of the house of their fathers.

24 ¶ And they transgressed against the God of their fathers, & went a whoring after the gods of the people of the land, whom God destroyeth before them.

25 And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath-pileser king of Assyria, and he carried them away, (even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh), and brought them unto Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the river Gozan, unto this day.

C H A P. VI.

1 *The sons of Levi.* 2 *The line of the priests unto the captivity.* 3 *The office of Aaron, and his line to Abimeaz.*

THE sons of Levi; Gerson, Kohath, and Merari.

2 And the sons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.

3 And 7 children of Amram; Aaron, and Moses, & Miriam. The sons also of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

4 ¶ Eleazar begat Phinehas, Phinehas begat Abihua,

5 And Abihua begat Bukki, and Bukki begat Uzzi,

6 And Uzzi begat Zerachiah, and Zerachiah begat Meraiorh,
 7 Meraiorh begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Abitub,
 8 And Abitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Ahimaaz,
 9 And Ahimaaz begat Azariah, and Azariah begat Johanan,
 10 And Johanan begat Azariah, (he it was that executed the priests office, in the temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem)
 11 And Azariah begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Abitub,
 12 And Abitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Shallum,
 13 And Shallum begat Hilkiah, and Hilkiah begat Azariah,
 14 And Azariah begat Seraiah, and Seraiah begat Jehozadak,
 15 And Jehozadak went into captivity, when the LORD carried away Judah, & Jerusalem by hand of Nebuchadnezzar.
 16 ¶ The sons of Levi; Gerthom, Kohath, and Merari.
 17 And these be the names of the sons of Gerthom; Libni, and Shimei.
 18 And the sons of Kohath were, Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.
 19 The sons of Merari; Mahli, and Muhi. And these are the families of the Levites according to their fathers.
 20 Of Gerthom; Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son,
 21 Josh his son, Iddo his son, Zerab his son, Jeaterai his son.
 22 The sons of Kohath; Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Allir his son,
 23 Elkanah his son, and Ebiasaph his son, and Allir his son,
 24 Jahath his son, Uriel his son, Uzziel his son, and Shaul his son.
 25 And the sons of Elkanah; Amasai, and Abimoth.
 26 As for Elkanah: the sons of Elkanah; Zophar his son, and Nahath his son,
 27 Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son.
 28 And the sons of Samuel; the first-born, Vathni, and Abiah.
 29 The sons of Merari; Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzza his son,
 30 Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son.
 31 And these are they whom David set over the service of song in the house of the LORD after that the ark had rest.
 32 And they ministered before the dwelling-place of the tabernacle of the congregation, with singing, until Solomon had built the house of the LORD in Jerusalem: and then they waited on their office, according to their order.
 33 And these are they that waited with their children: of the sons of the Kohathites; Heman a singer, the son of Joel, the son of Shemei.
 34 The son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah,
 35 The son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai,
 36 The son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah,
 37 The son of Jahath, the son of Allir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah,
 38 The son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel.

39 And his brother Asaph (who stood on his right hand) even Asaph the son of Berachiah, the son of Shimea,
 40 The son of Michael, the son of Baasiah, the son of Melchiah,
 41 The son of Erhni, the son of Zerab, the son of Adasah,
 42 The son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei,
 43 The son of Jahath, the son of Gerthom, the son of Levi.
 44 And their brethren the sons of Merari, stood on the left hand: Ethan the son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch,
 45 The son of Hathiabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiah,
 46 The son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shamer,
 47 The son of Mahli, the son of Muhi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi.
 48 Their brethren also of Levites were appointed unto all manner of service of the tabernacle of the house of God.
 49 ¶ But Aaron and his sons offered upon the altar of the burnt-offering, and on the altar of incense, and were appointed for all the work of the place most holy, and to make an atonement for Israel according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded.
 50 And these are the sons of Aaron; Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abisua his son.
 51 Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerachiah his son,
 52 Meraiorh his son, Amariah his son, Abitub his son,
 53 Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son.
 54 ¶ Now these are their dwelling-places throughout their castles in their coasts of the sons of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites: for theirs was the lot.
 55 And they gave them Hebron in the land of Judah, and the suburbs thereof round about it.
 56 But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, they gave to Caleb the son of Iephunneh.
 57 And to the sons of Aaron they gave cities of Judah, namely Hebron, the city of refuge, and Libna with her suburbs, & Jattir, & Eshtemoa, with their suburbs,
 58 And Hilen with her suburbs, Debir with her suburbs,
 59 And Aithan with her suburbs, and Beth-shemesh with her suburbs.
 60 And out of the tribe of Benjamin; Geba with her suburbs, and Alemeth with her suburbs, and Anathoth with her suburbs. All their cities throughout their families were thirteen cities.
 61 And unto the sons of Kohath, which were left of the family of that tribe, were cities given out of the half-tribe, namely, out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, by lot, threecities.
 62 And to the sons of Gerthom throughout their families, out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Ather, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Basethan, threecities.
 63 Unto the sons of Merari were given by lot, throughout their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the

the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, two cities.

64 And the children of Israel gave to 7 Levites these cities, with their suburbs.

65 And they gave by lot out of 7 tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of 7 children of Shimeon, & out of 7 tribe of 7 children of Benjamin, these cities, which are called by their names.

66 And these 7 of the families of the sons of Kohath, had cities of their coasts, out of the tribe of Ephraim.

67 And they gave unto them of the cities of refuge, Shechem in mount Ephraim, with her suburbs: they gave also Gezer with her suburbs,

68 And Jokmeam with her suburbs, and Beth-horon with her suburbs,

69 And Ajlison with her suburbs, and Gath-zimmon with her suburbs.

70 And out of the half tribe of Manasseh; Aner with her suburbs, and Bileam with her suburbs, for the family of the remnant of the sons of Kohath.

71 Unto 7 sons of Gerthom were given out of the family of the half tribe of Manasseh; Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, and Ashtaroth with her suburbs.

72 And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kedesh with her suburbs, Daberath with her suburbs,

73 And Ramoth with her suburbs, and Anem with her suburbs.

74 And out of the tribe of Ather; Mathai with her suburbs, and Abdon with her suburbs,

75 And Hukok with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs.

76 And out of the tribe of Naphtali; Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, and Hammon with her suburbs, and Kirjathaim with her suburbs.

77 Unto the rest of the children of Merari were given out of the tribe of Zebulun, Rimmon with her suburbs, Tabor with her suburbs.

78 And on the other side Jordan by Jericho, on the east-side of Jordan were given them out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness with her suburbs, and Jahzah with her suburbs,

79 Kedemoth also with her suburbs, and Mephaath with her suburbs.

80 And out of the tribe of Gad; Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, and Mahanaim with her suburbs,

81 And Heshbon with her suburbs, and Jazer with her suburbs.

CHAP. VII.

1 The sons of Issachar, and Benjamin, 13 of Naphtali, 14 of Manasseh, &c.

NOW the sons of Issachar were, Tola, and Poah, Talub, and Shimron, four.

2 And the sons of Tola; Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Seriel, and Ishmai, and Jibsam, and Shemuel. Heads of their fathers house, to wit, of Tola: they were valiant men of might in their generations;

whose number was in the days of David two and twenty thousand & six hundred.

3 And the son of Uzzi; Izrahiah: & the sons of Izrahiah; Michael, and Obadiah, & Joel, Ishiah, six of all of them chief men.

4 And with them, by their generations, after the house of their fathers were bands of souldiers for war, six and

thirty thousand men: for they had many wives and sons.

5 And their brethren among all the families of Issachar, were men of might, reckoned in all by their genealogies, fourscore and seven thousand.

6 ¶ The sons of Benjamin; Bela and Becher, and Jedaiah, three.

7 And the sons of Bela; Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five; heads of the house of their fathers, mighty men of valour, and were reckoned by their genealogies, twenty and two thousand and thirty and four.

8 And the sons of Becher; Zemira, and Joash, & Eliezer, & Elioenai, and Omri, and Jerimoth, and Abiah, & Anathoth, & Alameth. All these are 7 sons of Becher.

9 And the number of them, after their genealogie by their generations; heads of the house of their fathers, mighty men of valour, was twenty thousand and two hundred.

10 The sons also of Jedaiah; Bilhan, and the sons of Bilhan; Jeulth, and Benjamin, and Ebnod, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tharhish, and Abihahar.

11 All these the sons of Jedaiah, by the heads of their fathers, mighty men of valour, were seventeen thousand and two hundred souldiers, fit to go out for war and battle.

12 Shuphim also, & Hoppim, the children of Irah, and Hulthim, the sons of Aber.

13 ¶ The sons of Naphtali; Jabziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shallum, the sons of Bilhah.

14 ¶ The sons of Manasseh; Ashriel, whom the bare: (but his concubine the Aramites bare Machir father of Gilead;

15 And Machir took to wife the sister of Hoppim and Shupim, whose sisters name was Maachah) and the name of the second was Zelophehad: and Zelophehad had daughters.

16 And Maachah the wife of Machir bare a son, and she called his name Peseh; and the name of his brother was Sereth; and his sons were Ulam, and Rakem.

17 And the sons of Ulam; Bedan. These were the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh.

18 And his sister Hammoleketh bare Ishad, and Abiezer, and Mahalah.

19 And 7 sons of Semida were, Abigai, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam.

20 ¶ And the sons of Ephraim; Shuthelah, & Bereh his son, and Tahath his son, and Eladab his son, and Tahath his son.

21 ¶ And Zabad his son, and Shuthelah his son, and Ezer, and Elead, whom the men of Garb that were born in that land slew, because they came down to take away their cattel.

22 And Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him.

23 ¶ And when he went into his wife, she conceived and bare a son, and he called his name Beriah, because it went evil with his house.

24 (And his daughter was Sherah, who built Beth-horon the nether, and the upper, and Uzen-sherah)

25 And Rephah was his son, also Re-

17 And Zebadiah, and Arad, and Ader,

18 And Mich-el, and Ispah, and

19 And Zebadiah, and Meshullam, and

20 And Elienai, and Zithai, and Elie's,

21 And Adaiab, and Beraiah, and

22 And Shimrah, the sons of Shimhi,

23 And Ispah, and Heber, and Eliel,

24 And Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan,

25 And Hananiah, & Elam, & Antothijah,

26 And Iphedeiah, and Penuel, the

sons of Shalchak,

27 And Shamtherai, and Shebariah,

28 And Athalia,

29 And Jarefiah, and Eliah, and Zichri,

the sons of Jeroham.

30 These were heads of the fathers,

by their generations, chief men. These

dwelt in Jerusalem.

31 And at Gibeon dwelt 5 father of Gibeon,

(whose wife's name was Maachab)

32 And his first-born son Abdon, and

Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Nadab,

33 And Gidor, and Ahio, and Zachar,

34 And Mikloth begat Shimeah. And

these also dwelt with their brethren in

Jerusalem, over against them.

35 ¶ And Ner begat Kish, and Kish begat

Saul, and Saul begat Jonathan, and

Malchishua, and Abinadab, and Ehi-baal.

36 And the son of Jonathan was Merib-baal;

and Merib-baal begat Micah.

37 And the sons of Micah were, Pithon,

and Melech, and Tazek, and Abaz.

38 And Ahaz begat Jehoadah, and Jehoadah

begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth,

and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza.

39 And Moza begat Bineah: Rapha was

his son, Elafah his son, Azel his son:

40 And Azel had six sons, whose names

are these, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael,

and Shearish, and Obadiab, and Hanau.

All these were the sons of Azel.

41 And the sons of Ephkai his brother

were, Ulam his first-born, Jehush the

second, and Eliphelet the third.

42 And the sons of Ulam were mighty

men of valour, archers, and had many

sons, and sons sons an hundred and fifty.

All these are of the sons of Benjamin.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The sons and chief men of Benjamin.

2 The flock of Saul and Jonathan.

3 Now Benjamin begat Bela his first-born,

Albel the second, and Aharah the third,

4 Nohah the fourth, & Rapha the fifth.

5 And the sons of Bela were, Addar,

and Gera, and Abihud,

6 And Abihua, & Naaman, and Ahoah,

7 And Gera, & Shephnahan, and Huram.

8 And these are the sons of Ebdn:

these are the heads of the fathers of the

inhabitants of Getha, and they removed

them to Manstharh:

9 And Naaman, & Abiah, & Gera, he removed

them, & begat Uzza, and Abihud.

10 And Shabaria begat children in the

countrie of Moab, after he had sent them

away; Hushim and Baza were his wives.

11 And he begat of Hodeh his wife, Jobab,

and Zibia, and Meitha, and Malcham,

12 And Jow, and Shechia, and Mirma.

These were his sons, heads of 7 fathers.

13 And of Hushim he begat Abitab,

and Elpaal.

14 The sons of Elpaal; Eber, and Misham,

and Shamed, who built Ono, and

Lod with the towns thereof:

15 Beriah also & Shema, who were heads

of 7 fathers of 7 inhabitants of Aijalon,

who drove away 7 inhabitants of Gath,

16 And Ahio, Shalchak, and Jerimoth,

17 And Zebadiah, and Arad, and Ader,

18 And Mich-el, and Ispah, and

19 And Zebadiah, and Meshullam, and

20 And Elienai, and Zithai, and Elie's,

21 And Adaiab, and Beraiah, and

22 And Shimrah, the sons of Shimhi,

23 And Ispah, and Heber, and Eliel,

24 And Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan,

25 And Hananiah, & Elam, & Antothijah,

26 And Iphedeiah, and Penuel, the

sons of Shalchak,

27 And Shamtherai, and Shebariah,

28 And Athalia,

29 And Jarefiah, and Eliah, and Zichri,

the sons of Jeroham.

30 These were heads of the fathers,

by their generations, chief men. These

dwelt in Jerusalem.

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Saul, and Saul begat Jonathan, and

Malchishua, and Abinadab, and Ehi-baal.

36 And the son of Jonathan was Merib-baal;

and Merib-baal begat Micah.

37 And the sons of Micah were, Pithon,

and Melech, and Tazek, and Abaz.

38 And Ahaz begat Jehoadah, and Jehoadah

begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth,

and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza.

39 And Moza begat Bineah: Rapha was

his son, Elafah his son, Azel his son:

40 And Azel had six sons, whose names

are these, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael,

and Shearish, and Obadiab, and Hanau.

All these were the sons of Azel.

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sons, and sons sons an hundred and fifty.

All these are of the sons of Benjamin.

CHAP. IX.

1 The original of Israel and Judah's

genealogies. 2 The charge of certain

Levites. 3 Saul and Jonathan's

flag. 4 All Israel were reckoned by genealogies,

and behold, they were written

in the book of the kings of Israel

and Judah, who were carried away to Babylon

for their transgression.

5 ¶ Now the first inhabitants that

dwelt in their possessions in their cities

were, the Israelites, the priests, Le-

vites, and the Nethinims.

6 And in Jerusalem dwelt of the

children of Judah, and of the children

of Benjamin, and of the children of

Ephraim, and Manasseh:

7 Uriah the son of Ammiud, the son

of Omri, the son of Iuri, the son of Bani,

of the children of Pharez, son of Judah.

8 And of the Shilonites; Asaiab the

first-born, and his son.

- 6 And of the sons of Zerah; Jenei, and Jeries of the house of God. their brethren; six hundred and ninety.
- 7 And of the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hasenuah.
- 8 And Ibneiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephatiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibniyah.
- 9 And their brethren, according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty and six. All these men were chief of the fathers in the house of their fathers.
- 10 ¶ And of the priests; Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, and Jachin,
- 11 And Azariah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub the ruler of the house of God,
- 12 And Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pahur, the son of Malchijah, and Maasai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshullam, the son of Immer,
- 13 And their brethren, heads of a house of their fathers, a thousand & seven hundred & threescore, very able men for the work of the service of the house of God.
- 14 And of the Levites; Shemariah the son of Hashub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Halhabiah, of the sons of Merari,
- 15 And Bakkabkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah the son of Micah, the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph,
- 16 And Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berehiah, the son of Asa, the son of Elkannah, that dwell in the villages of the Netophathites.
- 17 And the porters were Shallum, and Akub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brethren: Shallum was the chief.
- 18 (who hitherto waited in the kings gate eastward.) They were porters in the companies of the children of Levi.
- 19 And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brethren: (of a house of his father) the Korathites were over the work of a service, keepers of the gates of a tabernacle: & their fathers bring over the host of the LORD, were keepers of the entry.
- 20 And Phineas the son of Eleazar was the ruler over them in time past, and the LORD was with him.
- 21 And Zechariah the son of Methusalem, was porter of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.
- 22 All these which were chosen to be porters in the gates, were two hundred and twelve. These were reckoned by their genealogie in their villages: whom David and Samuel the Seer did ordain in their set office.
- 23 So they and their children had the oversight of the gates of the house of the LORD; namely the house of the tabernacle, by wards.
- 24 In four quarters were the porters toward the east, west, north, and south.
- 25 And their brethren, which were in their villages, were to come after seven days from time to time with them.
- 26 For these Levites, the four chief porters, were in their set office, and were over the chambers and trea-
- 27 ¶ And they lodged round about the house of God, because the charge was upon them, and the opening thereof every morning pertained to them.
- 28 And certain of them had the charge of the ministering vessels, that they should bring them in and out by tale.
- 29 Some of them also were appointed to oversee the vessels, and all the instruments of the sanctuary, and the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices.
- 30 And some of the sons of the priests made theointment of the spices.
- 31 And Mattithiah, one of the Levites (who was the first-born of Shallum the Korathite) had the set office over the things that were made in the pans.
- 32 And other of their brethren of the sons of the Kohathites, were over the shew-bread to prepare it every sabbath.
- 33 And these are the singers, chief of a fathers of the Levites, who remained in a chambers, were free: for they were employed in that work, day and night.
- 34 These chief fathers of the Levites were chief throughout their generations; these dwell at Jerusalem.
- 35 ¶ And in Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon, Jehiel, whose wives name was Maachab:
- 36 And his first-born son Abdon, then Zur, & Kish, & Baal, and Ner, and Naiah,
- 37 And Gedor, and Abio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth.
- 38 And Mikloth begat Shimeam: and they also dwell with their brethren at Jerusalem, over against their brethren.
- 39 And Ner begat Kish, and Kish begat Saul, and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchishua, and Abinadab, and Ehbai.
- 40 And the son of Jonathan was Merib-baal: and Merib-baal begat Micah.
- 41 And the sons of Micah were, Pithon, & Melech, and Tahrea, and Ahaz.
- 42 And Ahaz begat Jarah, and Jarah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza,
- 43 And Moza begat Benaiah, and Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.
- 44 And Azel had six sons, whose names are these, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Immael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. These were the sons of Azel.

CHAPTER X.

1 Saul's overthrow and death. 2 The Philistines triumph over Saul. 3 The kindness of Iabesh-gilead toward Saul's sons.

Now the Philistines fought against Israel, and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa.

2 And the Philistines followed hard after Saul, and after his sons, and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua, the sons of Saul.

3 And the barrel went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him, and he was wounded of the archers.

4 Then said Saul to his armour-bearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith: lest these uncircumcised come, and abuse me: but his armour-bearer would not, for he was sore afraid, so Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.

5 And

7 And when his armour-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise on the sword, and died.

8 So Saul died, and his three sons, and all his house died together.

9 And when all the men of Israel that were in the valley, saw that they fled, & that Saul and his sons were dead; then they forsook their cities, and fled: and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

10 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen in mount Gilboa.

11 And when they had stripped him; they took his head, and his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to carry tidings unto their idols, and to the people.

12 And they put his armour in the house of their gods, and fastened his head in the temple of Dagon.

13 ¶ And when all Jabel-gilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul;

14 They arose, all the valiant men, and took away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabel, & buried their bones under the oak in Jabel, and fasted seven days.

15 ¶ So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, even against the word of the LORD: & he kept not, & also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to enquire of it.

16 And enquired not of the LORD: therefore he slew him; and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse.

CHAP. XI.

1 David is made king at Hebron. 4 He winneth the castle of Zion. 10 A catalogue of his mighty men.

Then all Israel gathered themselves to David unto Hebron, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh.

2 And moreover, in time past, even when Saul was king, thou wast he that leddest out, and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD thy God said unto thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be ruler over my people Israel.

3 Therefore came all the elders of Israel to the king to Hebron, and David made a covenant with them in Hebron, before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD, by Samuel.

4 ¶ And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem which is Jebus, where the Jebusites were, the inhabitants of the land.

5 And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, Thou shalt not come hither. Nevertheless, David took the castle of Zion, which is the city of David.

6 And David said, whosoever smiteth the Jebusites first, shall be chief and captain. So Joab the son of Zeruiah went first up, and was chief.

7 And David dwelt in the castle, therefore they called it, The city of David.

8 And he built the city round about, even from Mille round about: and Joab repaired the rest of the city.

9 So David waxed greater and greater for the LORD of hosts was with him.

10 ¶ There also are the chief of the mighty men whom David had, who

strengthened themselves with him in his kingdom, and with all Israel to make him king according to the word of the LORD, concerning Israel.

11 And this is the number of the mighty men whom David had; Ishobeam an Hachmonite, the chief of the captains, he lift up his spear against three hundred slain by him at one time.

12 And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo the Abiathite, who was one of the three mighty men.

13 He was with David at Pas-dammim, and there the Philistines were gathered together to battle, where was a parcel of ground full of barley, and the people fled from before the Philistines.

14 And they set themselves in the midst of that parcel, and delivered it, and slew the Philistines; and the LORD saved them by a great deliverance.

15 ¶ Now three of the thirty captains went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam, and the host of the Philistines encamped in the valley of Rephaim.

16 And David was then in the hold, and the Philistines garrison was then at Beth-lehem.

17 And David longed and said, Oh that one would give me drink of water of the well of Beth-lehem, it is at the gate.

18 And the three brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that was by the gate, and took it and brought it to David: but David would not drink of it, but poured it out to the LORD,

19 And said, My God forbid it me, that I should do this thing: shall I drink the blood of these men that have put their lives in jeopardy for with the jeopardy of their lives they brought it: therefore he would not drink it. These things did the three mighty men.

20 ¶ And Abihai the brother of Joab, he was chief of the three: for lifting up his spear against three hundred, he slew them, and had a name among the three.

21 Of the three, he was more honourable than the two, for he was their captain; however, he attained not unto the first three.

22 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done many acts, he slew two lion-like men of Moab; also he went down and slew a lion in a pit in a snowy day.

23 And he slew an Egyptian, a man of great stature, five cubits high, and in the Egyptians hand was a spear like a weavers beam, and he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptians hand, and slew him with his own spear.

24 These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had the name among the three mighty men.

25 Behold, he was honourable among the thirty, but attained not to the first three: & David set him over his guard.

26 ¶ Also the valiant men of his armies, were Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem,

27 Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the Pelonite,

28 Ira the son of Ikkeiah the Tekoiite, Abiezer the Anathothite

29 S'bbeai the Hushathite, Ithai the Ahobite,

30 Maharai the Netopharhite, Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite,

31 Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah, *that pertained to the children of Benjamin.* Benaiah the Pirathonite,

32 Harai of the brooks of Gath, Abiel the Arbathite,

33 Amaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbuite,

34 The sons of Ha'hem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shage the Hararite,

35 Ahiam the son of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphai the son of Ur,

36 Hephher the Mecherathite, Abijah the Pelonite,

37 Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the son of Ezbai,

38 Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of Haggeri,

39 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Beroshite, the armour-bearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah,

40 Ithai the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,

41 Uriah the Hittite, Zabadi son of Ahiai,

42 Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, a captain of the Reubenites, and thirty with him,

43 Hanan the son of Maacah, and Joahaphat the Mithnite,

44 Uzai the Asherahite, Shama and Jehiel the sons of Hothan the Aroerite,

45 Jediael the son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite,

46. Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Joahaviah, the sons of Eloram, and Ithmah the Moabite,

47 Eliel, & Obed, & Jafiel & Mesobaite.

CHAP. XII.

1 *The companies that came to David at Ziklag.* 23 *The armies that came to him at Hebron.*

NOW these are they that came to David to Ziklag while he yet kept himself close, because of Saul the son of Kish: and they were among the mighty men, helpers of the war.

2 They were armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left, in hurling stones, and shooting arrows out of a bow, even of Saul's brethren of Benjamin.

3 The chief was Ahiezer, then Joash, the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite, and Jeziel, and Peler, the son of Azmaveth and Bersabab, and Jehu the Ancothite,

4 And Ismaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty, and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Josabab the Gederathite, & Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, & Shemariah, & Shephatiah & Hurnphire,

6 Elkanah, and Jesiah, and Azariel and Jozer, and Jashobeam, the Korhites,

7 And Joelah, and Zebadiah the sons of Jeroham of Gedor.

8 And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David, into the hold to the wilderness, men of might, and men of war fit for the battle, that could handle shield and buckler, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and were as swift as the roes upon the mountains:

9 Ezer the first, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third,

10 Mahmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth,

11 Atrai the sixth, Eliel the seventh,

12 Johanan & eight, Elzabad the ninth, 13 Jeremiah the tenth, Machbanai the eleventh.

14 These were of the sons of Gad, captains of & host: one of the least was over a hundred, & & greatest over a thousand.

15 These are they that went over Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all his banks, and they put to flight all them of the valleys, both toward the east, and toward the west.

16 And there came of & children of Benjamin, & Judah, to the hold unto David.

17 And David went out to meet them, and answered and said unto them, If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, mine heart shall be knit unto you: but if ye be come to betray me to mine enemies, seeing there is now wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers look thereon, and rebuke it.

18 Then the spirit came upon Amasai, who was chief of & captains, and he said, Thine are we, David, & on thy side, thou son of Jesse: Peace, peace be unto thee, & peace be to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Then David received them, and made them captains of the band.

19 And there fell some of Manasse to David (when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle, but they helped them not, for the lords of the Philistines, upon advisement, sent him away, saying, He will fall to his master Saul, to the jeopardy of our heads).

20 As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him of Manasse, Adnah, and Izabab, and Jediel, and Michael, and Izabab, and Elihu, and Zilchai, captains of the thousands that were of Manasse.

21 And they helped David against & band of the rovers: for they were all mighty men of valour, & were captains in & host.

22 For at that time day by day, there came to David to help him, until it was a great host, like the host of God.

23 ¶ And these are the numbers of the bands that were ready armed to the war, and came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the LORD.

24 The children of Judah that bare shield and spear, were six thousand and eight hundred, ready armed to the war.

25 Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valour for the war, seven thousand and one hundred.

26 Of the children of Levi, four thousand and six hundred.

27 And Jebodai was the leader of the Aaronites, and with him were three thousand and seven hundred.

28 And Zadok, a young man mighty of valour, and of his fathers house twenty and two captains.

29 And of the children of Benjamin the kindred of Saul, three thousand: for his heretofore the greatest part of them had kept the ward of the house of Saul.

30 And of the children of Ephraim, twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty men of valour, famous throughout the house of their fathers.

31 And of the half tribe of Manasse, psalteries; and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

32 And when they came unto the threshing-floor of Chidon, Uzra put forth his hand to hold the ark, for the oxen stumbled.

33 Of Zebulun, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, with all instruments of war, sixty thousand, which could keep rank: they were not of double heart.

34 And of Naphtali a thousand captains, and with them, with shield and spear, thirty and seven thousand.

35 And of the Danites expert in war, twenty and eight thousand & six hundred.

36 And of Asher, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, forty thousand.

37 And on the other side of Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of the half tribe of Manasse, with all manner of instruments of war for the battle, an hundred and twenty thousand.

38 All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel, were of one heart to make David king.

39 And there they were with David three days, eating and drinking: for their brethren had prepared for them.

40 Moreover, they were with them, even unto Issachar, & Zebulun, & Naphtali, brought bread on asses, & on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, and meat, meal, cakes of figs, & bunches of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep abundantly, for there was joy in Israel.

CHAP. XLIII.

1 David fetcheth the ark from Kirjath-jearim. yltz being smitten, the ark is left at the house of Obed-edom.

2 And David consulted with the captains of thousands, and hundreds, and with every leader.

3 And David said unto all the congregation of Israel, If it seem good unto you, and that it be of the LORD our God, let us send abroad unto our brethren every where, y are left in all y land of Israel, and y them also to y priests and Levites which are in their cities and suburbs, y they may gather themselves unto us.

4 And let us bring again the ark of our God to us: for we enquired not at it in the days of Saul.

5 And all the congregation said, that they would do so: for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.

6 So David gathered all Israel together, from Shihor of Egypt, even unto the entering of Hemath, to bring the ark of God from Kirjath-jearim.

7 And David went up, and all Israel to Balaah, that is, to Kirjath-jearim, which belongeth to Judah, to bring up thence y ark of God y Loab, y dwelleth between y Chembits, whose name is called on it.

8 And they carried the ark of God in a new cart, out of the house of Abinadab: and Uzra and Ahio drawe the cart.

9 And David and all Israel played before God with all their might: and with linging, and with harp, and with

10 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzra, and he smote him because he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God.

11 And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzra; wherefore that place is called Perez-uzra to this day.

12 And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God home to me?

13 So David brought not the ark home to himself to the city of David; but carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.

14 And the ark of God remained y the family of Obed-edom in his house three moneths. And the LORD blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all y he had.

CHAP. XLIII.

1 Hiram's kindness to David. 2 David's felicity in peace, wives & children. 3 His two victories against the Philistines.

Now Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and timber of cedars, with masons, and carpenters to build him an house.

2 And David perceived that the LORD had confirmed him king over Israel, for his kingdom was lift up on high, because of his people Israel.

3 And David took more wives at Jerusalem: and David begat more sons and daughters.

4 Now these are the names of his children which he had in Jerusalem: Shammas, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon,

5 And Ithar, and Elithu, and Elpalet,

6 And Noga, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

7 And Elithama, and Beeliada, and Eliphalet.

8 And when the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David: and David heard of it, and went out against them.

9 And the Philistines came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

10 And David enquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? and wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto him, Go up, for I will deliver them into thine hand.

11 So they came up to Basl-perazim, & David smote them there. Then David said, God hath broken in upon mine enemies by mine hand, like the breaking forth of waters: therefore they called the name of that place, Basl-perazim.

12 And when they had left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burnt with fire.

13 And the Philistines yet again spread themselves abroad in the valley.

14 Therefore David enquired again of God, and God said unto him, Go not up after them, turn away from them, and come upon them over against the mulberry-trees.

15 And it shall be, when thou shalt hear

a found of going in the tops of the mulberry-trees, that then thou shalt go out to battle: for God is gone forth before thee to smite the host of the Philistines.

16 David therefore did as God commanded him: and they smote the host of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gazer.

17 And the fame of David went out into all lands, and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.

C H A P. XV.

1 David bringeth the ark from Obed-Edom. 25 He performeth it with great joy. 29 Michal despiseth him.

And David made him houses in the city of David, & prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent.

2 Then David said, None ought to carry the ark of God, but the Levites: for them hath the LORD chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him for ever.

3 And David gathered all Israel together to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD unto his place, which he had prepared for it.

4 And David assembled the children of Aaron, and the Levites.

5 Of the sons of Kohath: Uriel the chief, and his brethren an hundred and twenty.

6 Of the sons of Merari: Asai the chief, & his brethren two hundred & twenty.

7 Of the sons of Gerson: Joel the chief, and his brethren an hundred & thirty.

8 Of the sons of Elizaphan: Shemaiah the chief, & his brethren two hundred.

9 Of the sons of Hebron: Eliel the chief, and his brethren fourscore.

10 Of the sons of Uzziel: Amminadab the chief, and his brethren an hundred and twelve.

11 And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asai, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab.

12 And said unto them, Ye are the chief of the fathers of the Levites: sanctify yourselves both ye and your brethren, that you may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel, unto the place that I have prepared for it.

13 For because ye did it not at the first, the LORD our God made a breach upon us, so that we sought him not after the due order.

14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel.

15 And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders, with staves thereon, as Moses commanded, according to the word of the LORD.

16 And David spake to the chief of the Levites, to appoint their brethren to be the singers with instruments of musick, psalteries, & harps, and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy.

17 So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel: and of his brethren, Asaph the son of Berechiah: and of the sons of Merari their brethren, Ethan the son of Kuthiah.

18 And with them their brethren of the second degree, Zechariah, Ben & Jaziel, & Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaiab, and

Mattithiah, & Elipheleh, and Mikniah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the porters.

19 So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were appointed to sound with cymbals of brass.

20 And Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaiab, and Benaiah, with psalteries on Alamoth.

21 And Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikniah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harps on the Sheminith to excell.

22 And Chenaniah chief of the Levites was for song: he instructed about the song, because he was skilfull.

23 And Berechiah and Elkanah were door-keepers for the ark.

24 And Shebaniah, and Jehothaphat, and Nerhanee, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer the priests, did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God: and Obed-edom & Jehiah were door-keepers for the ark.

25 ¶ So David and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD, out of the house of Obed-edom with joy.

26 And it came to passe when God helped the Levites that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they offered seven bullocks, and seven rams.

27 And David was clothed in a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites by bare the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song, & the singers: David also had upon him an ephod of linen.

28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the cornets, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise & psalteries and harps.

29 ¶ And it came to passe as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looking out at a window, saw king David dancing and playing: and she despised him in her heart.

C H A P. XVI.

1 Davids festival sacrifice. 4 He ordereth a quire to sing thanksgiving. 7 The psalme of thanksgiving.

So they brought the ark of God, & set it in the midst of the tent: that David had pitched for it: & they offered burnt-sacrifices, & peace-offerings before God.

2 And when David had made an end of offering the burnt-offerings, and the peace-offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD.

3 And he dealt to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine.

4 ¶ And he appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, and to record, and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel:

5 Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed-edom: and Jeiel with psalteries, and with harps: but Asaph made a sound with cymbals.

6 Benaiah also and Jahaziel the priests

with

with trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.

7 ¶ Then on that day, David delivered forth this psalm to thank the LORD, into the hand of Asaph and his brethren.

8 Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.

9 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works.

10 Glory ye in his holy name, let the heart of them rejoyce y seek the LORD.

11 Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.

12 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgements of his mouth.

13 O ye seed of Israel his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen ones.

14 He is the LORD our God, his judgements are in all the earth.

15 Be ye mindfull alwayes of his covenant: the word which he commanded to a thousand generations;

16 Even of the covenant which he made Abraham, and of his oath unto Isaac:

17 And hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant.

18 Saying, Unto thee will I give y land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance.

19 When ye were but few, even a few, and strangers in it:

20 And when they went from nation to nation, and from one kingdom to another people:

21 He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproveth kings for their sake.

22 Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

23 Sing unto the LORD all the earth, shew forth from day to day his salvation.

24 Declare his glory among y heathen: his marvellous works among all nations.

25 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also is to be feared above all gods.

26 For all the gods of the people are idols: but the LORD made the heavens.

27 Glory & honour are in his presence, strength and gladness are in his place.

28 Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

29 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering and come before him, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

30 Fear before him all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved.

31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoyce: and let men say among the nations, The LORD reigneth.

32 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: let the fields rejoyce, and all that is therein.

33 Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the LORD, because he cometh to judge the earth.

34 O give thanks to y LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. 35 And say ye, Save us. O God of our salvation, & gather us together, & deliver us from y heathen: y we may give thanks to

thy holy name, and glory in thy praise.

36 blessed be the LORD God of Israel for ever and ever: and all the people said, Amen, and praised the LORD.

37 ¶ So he left there before the ark of y covenant of the LORD, Asaph and his brethren, to minister before y ark continually, as every dayes work required.

38 And Obed-edom & his brethren, threescore & eight: Obed-edom also the son of Jeduthun, & Hosah to be porters.

39 And Zadok y priest & his brethren the priests, before the tabernacle of the LORD in y high place y was at Gibeon.

40 to offer burnt-offerings unto y LORD, upon the altar of y burnt-offering continually morning and evening, and to do according to all that is written in y law of the LORD, which he commanded Israel.

41 And y them Heman and Jeduthun, & fresh y were chosen, who were expelled by name, to give thanks to y LORD, because his mercy endureth for ever.

42 And with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those that should make a sound, and with musickall instruments of God: and the sons of Jeduthun were porters.

43 And all the people departed every man to his house, and David returned to bless his house.

CHAP. XVII.

David is forbidden by Nathan to build God an house. 11 He promiseth him blessings in his seed. 16 Davids prayer and thanksgiving.

Now it came to passe, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in an house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD remaineth under curtains.

2 Then Nathan said unto David, Do all that is in thine heart, for God is with thee.

3 ¶ And it came to pass y same night, y word of God came to Nathan, saying,

4 Go and tell David my servant, Thus saith the LORD. Thou shalt not build me an house to dwell in.

5 For I have not dwelt in an house since the day y I brought up Israel, unto this day, but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another.

6 wheresoever I have walked with all Israel, spake I a word to any of the judges of Israel, (whom I commanded to feed my people) saying, Why have ye not built me an house of cedars?

7 Now therefore thus saith thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith y LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheep-cote, even from following y sheep, that thou shouldst be ruler over my people Israel.

8 And I have been with thee whithersoever thou hast walked, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee, and have made thee a name like the name of the great men that are in the earth.

9 Also I will ordain a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place, and shall be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness wake them any more: (as at the beginning,

10 And since the time y I commanded judges to be over my people Israel) moreover, I will subdue all thine ene-

mies. Furthermore, I tell thee, That the LORD will build thee an house.

11 ¶ And it shall come to passe, when thy dayes be expired, that thou shalt go to be with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons, & I will establish his kingdom.

12 He shall build me an house, and I will establish his throne forever.

13 I will be his father, and he shall be my son, and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee.

14 But I will settle him in mine house, and in my kingdom for ever, and his throne shall be established for evermore.

15 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

16 ¶ And David the king came, and sat before the LORD, and said, Who am I, O LORD God, and what is mine house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?

17 And yet this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God, for thou hast also spoken of thy servants house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O LORD God.

18 What can David pray more to thee for the honour of thy servant? for thou knowest thy servant.

19 O LORD, for thy servants sake, and according to thine own heart hast thou done all this greatness, in making known all these great things.

20 O LORD, there is none like thee, neither is there any God besides thee, according to all that we have heard & our ears.

21 And what one nation in the earth is like thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem to be his own people, to make thee a name of greatness and terrible-ness, by driving out nations from before thy people whom thou hast redeemed out of Egypt?

22 For thy people Israel didst thou makethine own people for ever, and thou LORD, becamest their God.

23 Therefore now, LORD, let the thing that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, & concerning his house, be established for ever, & do as thou hast said.

24 Let it even be established, that thy name may be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel: & let thy house of David thy servant be established before thee.

25 For thou, O my God, hast told thy servant, that thou wilt build him an house: therefore thy servant hath found in his heart to pray before thee.

26 And now, LORD, (thou art God, & hast promised this goodness unto thy servant)

27 Now therefore let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, y it may be before thee for ever: for thou blessest, O LORD, & it shall be blessed for ever.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 David subdueth the Philistines and the Moabites. 2 He smiteth Hadarezer and the Syrians. 3 David, officers.

Now after this, it came to passe, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them, and took Gath and her towns out of the hand of the Philistines,

2 And he smote Moab; & the Moabites became Davids servants, & brought gifts.

3 ¶ And David smote Hadarezer king of Zobah unto Hamath, as he went to establish his dominion by the river Euphrates.

4 And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: David also houghed all the chariot-horses, but reserved of them an hundred horses.

5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadarezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men.

6 Then David put garrisons in Syria, Damascus, and the Syrians became Davids servants, & brought gifts. Thus the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 Likewise from Tihbah, and from Chun, cities of Hadarezer, brought David very much brasse, wherewith Solomon made the brazen sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of brasse.

9 ¶ Now when Tonking of Hamath heard how David had smitten all the host of Hadarezer king of Zobah:

10 He sent Hadoram his son to king David, to enquire of his welfare, and to congratulate him, because he had fought against Hadarezer, and smitten him, (for Hadarezer had war with Ton) and with him all manner of vessels of gold, and silver, and brasse.

11 ¶ Them also king David dedicated unto the LORD, with the silver and the gold that he brought from all these nations; from Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek.

12 Moreover, Abihai the son of Zeruiah slew of the Edomites in the valley of salt, eighteen thousand.

13 ¶ And he put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became Davids servants. Thus the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

14 ¶ So David reigned over all Israel, and executed judgement and justice among all his people.

15 And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host, and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, recorder.

16 And Zadok the son of Abiathur, and Abimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests, and Shashti was scribe.

17 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites, and the Pelethites: and the sons of David were chief about the king.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Davids messengers sent to comfort Hanun are villainously entreated.

6 The Ammonites are overcome.

Now it came to passe after this, that Nahab the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his stead.

2 And David said, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahab, because his father shewed kindness to me. And David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father: so the servants of David came into the land of the children of

of Ammon, to Hannuſ, to comfort him. 19 And when the ſervants of Hadad rezer ſaw that they were put to the Ammon ſaid to Hannuſ, Thinkſt thou y worſe before Iſrael, they made peace David doth honour thy father that he with David, and became his ſervants; haſt ſent comforters unto thee? are not neither would the Syrians help the his ſervants come unto thee for to ſearch children of Ammon any more.

& to overthrow, and to ſpue out y land? 4 wherefore Hannuſ rook Davids ſervants, and ſhaved them, and cut off their garments in the midſt hard by their buttocks, and ſent them away.

5 Then there wert certain, and told David how the men were ſerved; and he ſent to meet them (for the men were greatly aſhamed) and the king ſaid Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return.

6 ¶ And when the children of Ammon ſaw that they had made themſelves odious to David, Hannuſ and the children of Ammon ſent a thouſand talents of ſilver to hire them chariots and horſemen out of Meſopotamia, and out of Syria-machab, and out of Zobah.

7 ſo they hired thirty and two thouſand chariots, and the king of Machab and his people, who came and pitched before Medeba. And the children of Ammon gathered themſelves together from their cities, and came to battel.

8 And when David heard of it, he ſent Joab, & all the hoſt of the mighty men.

9 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battel in aray before the gate of the city: and the kings that were come, were by themſelves in the field.

10 Now when Joab ſaw that the battel was ſet againſt him, before and behind, he choſe out of all the choiſe of Iſrael, & put them in aray againſt the Syrians.

11 And the reſt of the people he delivered unto the hand of Abiſhai his brother, and they ſet themſelves in aray againſt the children of Ammon.

12 And he ſaid. If the Syrians be too ſtrong for me, then thou ſhalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too ſtrong for thee, then I will help thee.

13 Be of good courage, and let us behave our ſelves valiantly for our people, and for the cities of our God: and let the LORD do that & is good in his ſight.

14 ſo Joab and the people that were with him, drew nigh before the Syrians, unto the battel; & they fled before him.

15 And when y children of Ammon ſaw y the Syrians were fled, they likewiſe fled before Abiſhai his brother, & entered into the city. Then Joab came to Jeruſalem.

16 ¶ And when the Syrians ſaw that they were put to the worſe before Iſrael, they ſent meſſengers, and drew forth the Syrians that were beyond the river: and Shophach the captain of the hoſt of Hadarezer, went before them.

17 And it was told David, and he gathered all Iſrael, and paſſed over Jordan, and came upon them, and ſet the battel in aray againſt them: ſo when David had put the battel in aray againſt the Syrians, they fought with him.

18 But the Syrians fled before Iſrael, and David ſlew of the Syrians ſeven thouſand men, which fought in chariots, and forty thouſand footmen, and killed Shophach the captain of the hoſt.

19 And when the ſervants of Hadad rezer ſaw that they were put to the worſe before Iſrael, they made peace with David, and became his ſervants: neither would the Syrians help the children of Ammon any more.

C H A P. XX.

Rabbah is beſieged by Joab, ſpoiled by David, and the people ſubdued. 4 Three overthrowes of the Philiftines.

1 And it came to paſſe, y after the year A was expired, at y time that kings go out to battel, Joab led forth the power of the army, & waſted the cuntry of y children of Ammon, & came & beſieged Rabbah (but David tarried at Jeruſalem) & Joab ſmote Rabbah, and deſtroyed it.

2 And David took the crown of their king from off his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold, and there were precious ſtones in it, and it was ſet upon Davids head; and he brought alſo exceeding much ſpoil out of the city.

3 And he brought out the people that were in it, and cut them with ſaws and with harrows of iron, & with axes: even ſo dealt David with all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jeruſalem.

4 ¶ And it came to paſſe after this, that there aroſe war at Gezer with the Philiftines, at which time Sibbechai the Huſharhire, ſlew Sippai that was of y children of the giant, & they were ſubdued.

5 And there was war again with the Philiftines, and Elihan the ſon of Jair, ſlew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whoſe ſpear-ſhaft was like a weavers beam.

6 And yet again there was war at Gath, where was a man of great ſtature, whoſe fingers and toes were four and twenty, fix on each hand, and fix on each foot: and he alſo was the ſon of the giant.

7 But when he deſied Iſrael, Jonathan y ſon of himen, Davids brother, ſlew him.

8 Theſe were born unto the giant in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his ſervants.

C H A P. XXI.

1 David numbeth the people. 5 He repenteth, 9 and choſeth the peſtilence. And Samuël rood up againſt Iſrael, and provoked David to number Iſrael.

2 And David ſaid to Joab, & to the rulers of y people, Go, number Iſrael from Be-el-theba even to Dan; & bring y number of them to me, that I may know it.

3 And Joab answered, The LORD make his people an hundred times ſo many more as they be: but my lord y king, are they not all my lords ſervants? why then doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cauſe of treſpaſſe to Iſrael?

4 Nevertheless, the kings word prevailed againſt Joab: wherefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Iſrael, and came to Jeruſalem.

5 ¶ And Joab gave the ſum of the number of the people unto David: and all they of Iſrael were a thouſand thouſand and an hundred thouſand men that drew ſword: and Judah was four hundred threeſcore and ten thouſand men that drew ſwo.

6 But Levi and Benjamin counted he

not among them: for the kings word was abominable to loab.

7 And God was displeased with this thing, therefore he smote Israel.

8 And David said unto God, I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing: but now, I beseech thee, do away the iniquitie of thy servant, for I have done very foolishly.

9 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Gad, Davids seer, saying,

10 Go and tell David, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee three things, choose thee one of them that I may do it unto thee.

11 So Gad came to David, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Choose thee

12 Either three years famine, or three months to be destroyed before thy foes (while that the sword of thine enemies overtaketh thee) or else three dayes the sword of the LORD, even the pestilence in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel: now therefore advise thy self, what word I shall bring again to him that sent me.

13 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall now into the hand of the LORD (for very great are his mercies) but let me not fall into the hand of man.

14 ¶ So the LORD sent pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men.

15 And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: & as he was destroying, the LORD beheld, & he repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

16 And David lift up his eyes and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem: then David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces.

17 And David said unto God, Is it not I that commanded people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done evil indeed; but as for these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, O LORD my God, be on me, and on my fathers house, but not on thy people, that they should be plagued.

18 ¶ Then the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up and set up an altar unto the LORD, in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

19 And David went up at the saying of Gad, & he spake in the name of the LORD.

20 And Ornan turned back and saw the angels: & his four sons & himself hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat.

21 And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the threshing-floor, and bowed himself to David with his face to the ground.

22 Then David said to Ornan, Grant me the place of this threshing-floor, that I may build an altar therein unto the LORD: thou shalt grant it me for the full price, that the plague may be stayed from the people.

23 And Ornan said unto David, Take

it to thee, & let my lord king do that which is good in his eyes: lo, I give thee the oxen also for burnt-offerings, & the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meat-offering, I give it all.

24 And king David said to Ornan, Nay, but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take that which is thine for the LORD, nor offer burnt-offerings without cost.

25 ¶ So David gave to Ornan for the place, six hundred shekels of gold by weight.

26 And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings, and called upon the LORD, & he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt-offering.

27 And the LORD commanded the angel, and he put up his sword again into the sheath thereof.

28 ¶ At that time, when David saw that the LORD had answered him in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there.

29 For the tabernacle of the LORD which Moses made in the wilderness, & the altar of the burnt-offering were at that season in the high place at Gibeon.

30 But David could not go before it to enquire of God; for he was afraid, because of the sword of the angel of the LORD.

C H A P. X X I I.

David prepareth for the building of the temple. 6 He instructeth Solomon.

Then David said, This is the house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of the burnt-offering for Israel.

1 And David commanded to gather together the strangers that were in the land of Israel, and he set masons to hew wrought stones to build the house of God.

2 And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings, and brass in abundance without weight.

3 Also cedar-trees in abundance: for the Zidonians, and they of Tyre, brought much cedar-wood to David.

4 And David said, Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be builded for the LORD must be exceeding magnificall, of fame, & of glory throughout all countries: I will therefore now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.

5 ¶ Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build an house for the LORD God of Israel.

6 And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was in my minde to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God:

7 But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Thou hast been abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight.

8 Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest, and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietnesse unto Israel in his dayes.

9 He shall build an house for my name, and he shall be my son, and I will be his father

father, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever.

11 Now my son, the LORD be with thee, and prosper thou, and build the house of the LORD thy God, as he hath said of thee.

12 Onely the LORD give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of the LORD thy God.

13 Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfill the statutes & judgments which the LORD charged Moses with, concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage, dread not, nor be dismayed.

14 Now behold, in my trouble I have prepared for the house of the LORD an hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver, & of brass, & iron, without weight: (for it is in abundance) timber also & stone have I prepared, & thou mayest add thereto.

15 Moreover, there are workmen with thee in abundance, hewers, and workers of stone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work.

16 Of the gold, the silver, and the brass, and the iron, there is no number. Arise therefore, and be doing, and the LORD be with thee.

17 ¶ David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying,

18 Is not the LORD your God with you? and hath he not given you rest on every side? for he hath given the inhabitants of the land into mine hand, and the land is subdued before the LORD, and before his people.

19 Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God, arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD.

CHAP. XLIII.

1 David maketh Solomon king. 2 The number and distribution of the Levites.

SO when David was old and full of dayes, he made Solomon his son king over Israel.

2 ¶ And he gathered together all the princes of Israel, with the priests and the Levites.

3 Now the Levites were numbered from the age of thirty years and upward: and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty and eight thousand.

4 Of which, twenty and four thousand were to set forward the work of the house of the LORD: and six thousand were officers and judges.

5 Moreover, four thousand were porters, and four thousand praised the LORD with the instruments which I made, (said David) to praise therewith.

6 And David divided them into courses among the sons of Levi, namely, Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

7 ¶ Of the Gershonites were Laadan and Shimei.

8 The sons of Laadan, the chief was Jehiel, and Zerham, and Joel, three.

9 The sons of Shimei, Shelomith, and Hanijah, and Haran, three: These were

the chief of the fathers of Laadan.

10 And the sons of Shimei were, Jahath, Zina, and Jeulath, and Beriah. These four were the sons of Shimei.

11 And Jahath was the chief, and Zina the second: but Jeulath and Beriah had not many sons: therefore they were in one reckoning, according to their fathers house.

12 ¶ The sons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four.

13 The sons of Amram; Aaron and Moses: and Aaron was separated, that he should sanctifie the most holy things, he and his sons for ever, to burn incense before the LORD, to minister unto him, and to blesse in his name for ever.

14 Now concerning Moses the man of God, his sons were named of the tribe of Levi.

15 The sons of Moses were, Gershom and Eliezer.

16 Of the sons of Gershom, Shebuel was the chief.

17 And the sons of Eliezer were, Rehabiah the chief. And Eliezer had none other sons; but the sons of Rehabiah were very many.

18 Of the sons of Izhar, Shelomith chief.

19 Of the sons of Hebron; Jethiel the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.

20 Of the sons of Uzziel; Micah the first, and Jesiah the second.

21 ¶ The sons of Merari; Mahli, & Mushi: the sons of Mahli; Eleazar, and Kish:

22 And Eleazar died, and had no sons but daughters: and their brethren the sons of Kish took them.

23 The sons of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth, three.

24 ¶ These were the sons of Levi after the house of their fathers; even the chief of the fathers, as they were counted by number of names by their polls, that did the work for the service of the house of the LORD, from the age of twenty years and upward.

25 For David said, The LORD God of Israel hath given rest unto his people, they may dwell in Jerusalem for ever.

26 And also unto the Levites, they shall no more carry the tabernacle, nor any vessels of it for the service thereof.

27 For by the last word of David, the Levites were numbered from twenty years old and above:

28 Because their office was to wait on the sons of Aaron, for the service of the house of the LORD, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the work of the service of the house of God:

29 Both for the shew-bread, and for the fine flour for meat-offering, and for the unleavened cakes, and for that which is baked in the pan, and for that which is fried, and for all manner of measure and eiser.

30 And to stand every morning to thank & praise the LORD, and likewise at even:

31 And to offer all burnt-sacrifices unto the LORD in the sabbaths, in the new moons, and on the set feasts, by number, according to the order commanded unto them continually before the LORD:

32 And that they should keep charge

of the tabernacle of congregation, and charge of the holy place, & the charge of the sons of Aaron their brethren in the service of the house of the LORD.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 The divisions of the sons of Aaron by lot into four and twenty orders.

Now these are the divisions of the sons of Aaron: The sons of Aaron; Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

2 But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children: therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the priests office.

3 And David distributed them, both Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, according to their offices in their service.

4 And there were more chief men found of the sons of Eleazar, then of the sons of Ithamar; and thus were they divided: among the sons of Eleazar there were sixteen chief men of the house of their fathers, and eight among the sons of Ithamar according to the house of their fathers.

5 Thus were they divided by lot, one sort with another; for the governours of the sanctuary, and governours of the house of God, were of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar.

6 And Shemaiah the son of Nethaneel scribe, one of the Levites, wrote them before the king and the princes, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and before the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites: one principall household being taken for Eleazar, and one taken for Ithamar.

7 Now the first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiab,

8 The third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim,

9 The fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin,

10 The seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah,

11 The ninth to Jehuaz, the tenth to Shecaniah,

12 The eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim,

13 The thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeah,

14 The fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer,

15 The seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Aphas,

16 The nineteenth to Pethaiab, the twentieth to Jehezekel,

17 The one and twentieth to Jachin, the two and twentieth to Gamul,

18 The three and twentieth to Delaiab, the four and twentieth to Maaziah.

19 These were the orderings of them in their service to come into the house of the LORD, according to their manner, under Aaron their father, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.

20 ¶ And the rest of the sons of Levi were these: of the sons of Amram; Shubael: of the sons of Shubael; Jethaiab.

21 Concerning Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, the first was Ishiah.

22 Of the Izharites; Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth; Jahaz.

23 And the sons of Hebron; Jeriah

the first, Amariah the second, Jahaiab the third, Jekameam the fourth.

24 Of the sons of Uzziel; Michah; of the sons of Michah; Shamir.

25 The brother of Michah was Ishiah: of the sons of Ishiah; Zeebariah.

26 The sons of Merari were, Mahli and Musi: the sons of Jaaziah; Beno.

27 ¶ The sons of Merari by Jaaziah; Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Itri.

28 Of Mahli came Eleazar, who had no sons.

29 Concerning Kish: the son of Kish was Jerahmeel.

30 The sons also of Musi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jeremoth. These were the sons of the Levites, after the house of their fathers.

31 These likewise cast lots over against their brethren the sons of Aaron, in the presence of David the king, and Zadok and Ahimelech, and the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites, even the principall fathers over against their younger brethren.

CHAP. XXV.

1 The number and offices of the singers. 2 Their division by lot.

Moreover, David and the captains of the host separated to the service of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesie with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals; and the number of the workmen, according to their service, was:

3 Of the sons of Asaph; Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Asarelah, the sons of Asaph under the hand of Asaph, which prophesied according to the order of the king.

4 Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiah, Hathabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp, to give thanks and to praise the LORD.

5 Of Heman: the sons of Heman; Bukiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliatib, Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer, Joishbekashah, Mallathi, Horbir, and Mahazioth:

6 All these were the sons of Heman the kings seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.

7 All these were under the hands of their father, for song in the house of the LORD with cymbals, psalteries and harps, for the service of the house of God, according to the kings order, to Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman.

8 So the number of them, with their brethren, were instructed in the songs of the LORD, even all, were cunning, was two hundred fourscore and eight.

9 ¶ And they cast lots, ward against ward, as well the small as the great, the teacher as the scholar.

10 Now the first lot came forth for Asaph to Joseph, the second to Gedaliah, who with his brethren and sons were twelve:

11 The third to Zaccur, he, his sons and his brethren were twelve:

12 The fourth to Itri, he, his sons and his brethren were twelve:

12 The fifth to Nerhaniah, *he*, his sons and his brethren were twelve:

13 The sixth to Bukkiah, *he*, his sons and his brethren were twelve:

14 The seventh to Jesharelah, *he*, his sons and his brethren were twelve:

15 The eighth to Jethaiab, *he*, his sons and his brethren were twelve:

16 The ninth to Mattaniah, *he*, his sons and his brethren were twelve:

17 The tenth to Shimeh, *he*, his sons and his brethren were twelve:

18 The eleventh to Azareel, *he*, his sons and his brethren were twelve:

19 The twelfth to Hahabiah, *he*, his sons and his brethren were twelve:

20 The thirteenth to Shubael, *he*, his sons and his brethren were twelve:

21 The fourteenth to Mattithiah, *he*, his sons and his brethren were twelve:

22 The fifteenth to Jerimoth, *he*, his sons and his brethren were twelve:

23 The sixteenth to Hananiah, *he*, his sons and his brethren were twelve:

24 The seventeenth to Jothbekiah, *he*, his sons and his brethren were twelve:

25 The eighteenth to Hanani, *he*, his sons and his brethren were twelve:

26 The nineteenth to Mallochi, *he*, his sons and his brethren were twelve:

27 The twentieth to Eliashah, *he*, his sons and his brethren were twelve:

28 The one and twentieth to Horhir, *he*, his sons and his brethren were twelve:

29 The two and twentieth to Giddalti, *he*, his sons and his brethren were twelve:

30 The three and twentieth to Mahazioth, *he*, his sons and his brethren were twelve:

31 The four and twentieth to Romanthi-zer, *he*, his sons and his brethren were twelve.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 The divisions of the porters. 20 The Levites that had charge of the treasures.

Concerning the divisions of the porters: of Korhites was Methusalemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph.

2 And of the sons of Methusalemiah were, Zechariah the first-born, Jedaiel the second, Zebadiah the third, Iathniel the fourth,

3 Eliam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Eliozai the seventh.

4 Moreover, the sons of Obed-edom were, Shemaiah the first-born, Jehozabab the second, Joab the third, and Sazar the fourth, and Nerhaniah the fifth,

5 Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peukhai the eighth: for God blessed him.

6 Also unto Shemush his son were sons born, that ruled throughout the house of their father: for they were mighty men of valour.

7 The sons of Shemaiah; Othni, & Re-phai, & Obed, Elzabab, whose brethren were strong men; Elihu and Shemachiah.

8 All these of the sons of Obed-edom: they and their sons and their brethren, able men for strength for the service, were three score and two of Obed-edom.

9 And Methusalemiah had sons and brethren, strong men, eighteen.

10 Also Hofah of the children of Merari, had sons; Simri the chief, (for though he was not the first-born, yet his father made him the chief)

11 Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the

third, Zechariah the fourth: all the sons and brethren of Hofah were thirteen.

12 Among these were the divisions of the porters, even among the chief men, having wards one against another, to minister in the house of the LORD.

13 ¶ And they cast lots as well the small as the great, according to the house of their fathers for every gate.

14 And the lot east-ward fell to Shelemiah; then for Zechariah his son (a wise counsellour) they cast lots, and his lot came out north-ward.

15 To Obed-edom south-ward, and to his sons, the house of Asuppim.

16 To Shuppim and Hofah, the lot came forth west-ward: with the gate Shallecheth, by the causeway of the going up, ward against ward.

17 East-ward were six Levites, north-ward four a day, south-ward four a day, and toward Asuppim two and two.

18 And Parbar west-ward, four at the causeway, and two at Parbar.

19 These are the divisions of the porters among the sons of Kore, and among the sons of Merari.

20 ¶ And of the Levites, Abijah was over the treasures of the house of God, & over the treasures of the dedicate things.

21 As concerning the sons of Laadan: the sons of the Geribonite Laadan; chief fathers, even of Laadan the Geribonite were, Jehieli.

22 The sons of Jehieli; Zetham, and Joel his brother, which were over the treasures of the house of the LORD.

23 Of the Amramites, and of Izharites, the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites:

24 And Shebuel the son of Geribon, the son of Moses, was ruler of the treasures.

25 And his brethren by Eliezer; Rehabiah his son, and Jethaiab his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and Shelomith his son.

26 Which Shelomith and his brethren, were over all the treasures of the dedicate things, which David the king and the chief fathers, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the host had dedicated.

27 Out of the spoils won in battles, did they dedicate to maintain the house of the LORD.

28 And all that Samuel the seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah had dedicated, and whosoever had dedicated any thing, it was under the hand of Shelomith, and of his brethren.

29 ¶ Of the Izharites, Chraniah and his sons were for the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges.

30 And of the Hebronites, Hahabiah and his brethren, men of valour, a thousand and seven hundred, were officers among them of Israel on this side Jordan west-ward, in all business of the LORD, and in the service of the king.

31 Among the Hebronites was Serijah the chief, even among the Hebronites, according to the generations of his fathers. In the fourtieth year of the reign of David, they were fought for, & there were found among them mighty men of valour, at Jazer of Gilead.

2 And his brethren, men of valour were 18 Of Judah, Elihu one of the brothers whom king David made rulers over the tribe of Manasseh, for every matter pertaining to God, and affairs of the king.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 The twelve captains for every severall tribe of Israel, of the half tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiash:

Now the children of Israel after their number, so was the chief fathers and captains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers that served the king in any matter of the courses, which came in & roham. These were the princes of the half tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah: of Benjamin, Iaasiel the son of Abner: Of Dan, Azareel the son of Je-

3 Over the first course for the first month, was Jahobez the son of Zabdiel: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

4 Of the children of Perez, was the chief of all the captains of the host for the first month.

5 And over the course of the second month was Dodai an Ahohite, and of his course was Mikloth also the ruler: in his course likewise were twenty and four thousand.

6 The third captain of the host for the third month, was Benajah the son of Jehoiada chief priest: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

7 This is that Benajah, who was mighty among the thirty, and above the thirty: and in his course was Amizabad his son.

8 The fourth captain for the fourth month, was Asahel the brother of Joab, & Zebadiah his son after him: & in his course were twenty and four thousand.

9 The fifth captain for the fifth month, was Shamhuth the Izrahite: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

10 The sixth captain for the sixth month, was Izabai son of Ikkesh Tekoite: & in his course were twenty and four thousand.

11 The seventh captain for the seventh month, was Heler the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

12 The eighth captain for the eighth month, was Sibbecai the Hulathite, of the Zarhites: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

13 The ninth captain for the ninth month, was Abiezer the Netophathite, of the Benjaminites: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

14 The tenth captain for the tenth month, was Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zarhites: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

15 The eleventh captain for the eleventh month, was Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

16 The twelfth captain for the twelfth month, was Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel, and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

17 Furthermore, over the tribes of Israel: the ruler of the Reubenites was Eliezer the son of Ziebrui of the Simeonites, Shephariah the son of Maachab:

18 Of the Levites, Hethajah the son of Kemuel: of the Aaronites, Zadok:

19 Of Zebulun, Ithmaiah the son of Obadiah: of Naphthali, Jerimoth the son of Azriel:

20 Of the children of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azariah: of the half tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiash:

21 Of the half tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah: of Benjamin, Iaasiel the son of Abner:

22 Of Dan, Azareel the son of Je-

23 But David took not the number of them from twenty years old and under: because the LORD had said, he would increase Israel like to the stars of the heavens.

24 Joab the son of Zeruiah began to number, but he finished not, because there fell wrath for it against Israel, neither was the number put in the account of the chronicles of king David.

25 And over the kings treasures was Azmaveth the son of Adiel: and over the store-houses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the castles, was Jehonathan the son of Uzziash.

26 And over them that did the work of the field for tillage of the ground, was Ezri the son of Chelub.

27 And over the vineyards was Shimei the Ramathite: over the increase of the vineyards for the wine-cellars, was Zabdi the Shippmite.

28 And over the olive-trees and the sycomore-trees that were in the low plains, was Baal-hanan the Gederite: and over the cellars of oyl was Joab.

29 And over the herds that fed in Sharon, was Sherrai the Sharonite: and over the herds that were in the valleys, was Shaphat the son of Adai.

30 Over the camels also, was Obil the Ishmeelite: and over the asses, was Jehdeiah the Meronahite.

31 And over the flocks was Jaziz the Hagerite. All these were the rulers of the substance which was king Davids.

32 Also Jonathan Davids uncle was a counsellour, a wise man, and a scribe: and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the kings sons.

33 And Abitophel was the kings counsellour, and Hushai the Archite was the kings companion.

34 And after Abitophel, was Jehoiada the son of Benajah, & Abiathar: and the general of the kings army, was Joab.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 David exhorted to fear God: 2, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

And David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies that ministered to the king by course, and the captains over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possession of the king, and of his sons, with the officers, and with the mighty men, and with all the valiant men unto Jerusalem.

2 Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hearken ye, O ye people, unto the voice of the LORD your God: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

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his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people, is for me. I had in mine heart to build an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the foot-stool of our God, and had made ready for the building:

3 But God said unto me, Thon shalt not build an house for my name, because thou hast been a man of war, and hast shed blood.

4 Howbeit, the LORD God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father, to be king over Israel for ever: for he hath chosen Judah to be the ruler; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among the sons of my father, he liked me to make me king over all Israel:

5 And of all my sons (for the LORD hath given me many sons) he hath chosen Solomon my son, to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel.

6 And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father.

7 Moreover I will establish his kingdom for ever, if he be constant to do my commandments and my judgements, as at this day.

8 Now therefore in the sight of all Israel the congregation of the LORD, and in the audience of our God, keep & seek for all the commandments of the LORD your God: that ye may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance for your children after you for ever.

9 ¶ And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, & serve him with a perfect heart, and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

10 Take heed now, for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong and do it.

11 ¶ Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasures thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mercy-seat.

12 And the pattern of all that he had by the spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all the chambers round about, and of the treasures of the house of God, and of the treasures of the dedicate things.

13 Also for the courses of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of service in the house of the LORD.

14 He gave of gold by weight, for things of gold, for all instruments of all manner of service, silver also for all instruments of silver, by weight, for all instruments of every kind of service:

15 Even the weight for the candlesticks of gold, and for their lamps of gold, by weight for every candlestick, & for the lamps thereof: & for the candlesticks of silver by weight, both for the candlestick and also for the lamps thereof, accord-

ing to the use of every candlestick.

16 And by weight he gave gold for the tables of shew-bread, for every table, and likewise silver for the tables of silver.

17 Also pure gold for the flesh-hooks, and the bowls and the cups: and for the golden basin he gave gold by weight for every basin; and likewise silver by weight for every basin of silver:

18 And for the altar of incense, refined gold by weight and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubims, that spread out their wings, and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

19 All this, said David, the LORD made me understand in writing by his hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern.

20 And David said to Solomon his sons, Be strong & of good courage, and do it; fear not, nor be dismayed, for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee, he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

21 And behold, I counsel of the priests and the Levites, even they shall be with thee for all the service of the house of God, and they shall be with thee for all manner of workmanship, every willing skillful man, for any manner of service: also the princes and all the people will be wholly at thy commandment.

CHAP. XXX.

David by his example causeth the princes and people to offer 10000 thanks-giving. 26 His reign and death.

Furthermore, David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great: for the palace is not for man, but for the LORD God.

2 Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God, the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood: onyx stones, and stones to be set, glittering stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble-stones in abundance.

3 Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house.

4 Even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses withal.

5 The gold for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and for all manner of work to be made by the hands of artificers. And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD?

6 ¶ Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers over the kings work offered willingly,

7 and gave for the service of the house of God of gold, five thousand talents,

and ten thousand drams; and of silver, ten thousand talents; and of brass, eighteen thousand talents; and one hundred thousand talents of iron.

8 And they with whom precious stones were found, gave them to the treasure of the house of the LORD, by the hand of Jehiel the Gerihonite.

9 Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.

10 ¶ Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, O LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever.

11 Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, & the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth, is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.

12 Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all, and in thine hand is power and might, and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.

13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

14 But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

15 For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding.

16 O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name, cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own.

17 I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy, thy people which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee.

8 O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel our fathers, keep this for ever: the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee.

19 And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all the settings, and to build the palace, for which I have made provision.

20 ¶ And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God. And all the congregation blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the LORD and the king.

21 And they sacrificed sacrifices unto the LORD, and offered burnt-offerings unto the LORD on the morrow after that day, even a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs, with their drink-offerings and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel.

22 And did eat and drink before the LORD on that day with great gladness, and they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed him unto the LORD to be the chief governor, and Zadok to be priest.

23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king in stead of David his father, and prospered, and all Israel obeyed him.

24 And all the princes and the mighty men, and all the sons likewise of king David submitted themselves unto Solomon the king.

25 And the LORD magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

26 ¶ Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.

27 And the time that he reigned over Israel, was forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

28 And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honour: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead.

29 Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer.

30 With all his reign and his might, and the times that went over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the country.

The second book of the CHAP. I.

1 Solomon's offering at Gibeon. 7 His choice of wisdom is blessed by God.

13 His strength and wealth.

And Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and the LORD his God was with him, and magnified him exceedingly.

2 Then Solomon spake unto all Israel, to the captains of thousands & of hundreds, & to the judges, and to every governor in all Israel, the chief of the fathers.

3 So Solomon and all the congregation with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon, for there was the tabernacle of the congregation of God, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the wilderness.

4 But for a word of God had David brought

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up from Kirjath-jearim, to the place which David had prepared for it: for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem.

5 Moreover, the brazen altar that Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he put before the tabernacle of the LORD: and Solomon and the congregation sought unto it.

6 And Solomon went up thither to the brazen altar before the LORD, which was at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered a thousand burnt-offerings upon it.

7 ¶ In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee.

8 And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast showed great mercy unto David my father, and hast made me to reign in his stead:

9 Now, O LORD God, let thy promise unto David my father be established: for thou hast made me king over a people, like the dust of the earth in multitude.

10 Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, that is so great?

11 And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thy self, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king:

12 Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee, and I will give thee riches and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had, that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.

13 ¶ Then Solomon came from his journey to the high place that was at Gibeon, to Jerusalem, from before the tabernacle of the congregation, and reigned over Israel.

14 And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen: & he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he placed in 7 chariot-cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

15 And the king made silver and gold cedar-trees made be as the sycamore-trees that are in the vale for abundance.

16 And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the kings merchants received 7 lineu yarn at a price.

17 And they fetcht up & brought forth of Egypt a chariot for six hundred shekels of silver, & an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so brought they out linen, and in crimson: also to grave any horses for all the kings of the Hittites, and for 7 kings of Syria, by their means.

CHAP. II.

1, 17 *Solomons labours for the building of the temple. 3 His embassy to Huram. 11 Hurams kind answer.*

And Solomon determined to build an house for the name of the LORD, and an house for his kingdom.

2 And Solomon told our threescore and ten thousand men to bear burdens, and fourscore thousand to hew in the mountain, and threethousand and six hundred to oversee them.

3 ¶ And Solomon sent to Huram the king of Tyre, saying, As thou didst deal found with David my father, and didst send him cedars to build him an house to dwell therein, even so deal with me.

4 Behold, I build an house to the name of the LORD my God, to dedicate it to him, and to burn before him sweet incense, and for the continuall shewbread, and for the burnt-offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the LORD our God. This is an ordinance for ever to Israel.

5 And the house which I build is great: for great is our God above all gods.

6 But who is able to build him an place that David had prepared in the house, seeing the heaven, and heaven of heavens, cannot contain him? who am I?

then that I should build him an house, save onely to burn sacrifices before him?

7 Send me now therefore a man, cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brasse, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and that can skill to grave with 7 cunning men that are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom my father did provide.

8 Send me also cedar-trees, fir-trees, and algum-trees out of Lebanon: (for I know that thy servants can skill to cut timber in Lebanon) and behold, my servants shall be with thy servants.

9 Even to prepare me timber in abundance: for the house which I am about to build, shall be wonderful great.

10 And behold, I will give to thy servants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand measures of barley, and twenty thousand baths of oil.

11 ¶ Then Huram the king of Tyre answered in writing, he sent to Solomon, Because the LORD hath loved his people, he hath made thee king over them.

12 Huram said moreover, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wife son, endued with prudence and understanding, that might build an house for the LORD, and an house for his kingdom.

13 And now I have sent a cunning man (endued with understanding) of Huram my fathers;

14 The son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre, skillfull to work in gold and in silver, in brasse, in iron, in stone and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson: also to grave any manner of graving, and to finde out every device which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with 7 cunning men of my lord David thy father.

15 Now therefore 7 wheat, and 7 barley, 7 oil, & the wine of my lord hath spoken of: let him send unto his servants:

16 And we will cut wood out of Lebanon, as much as thou shalt need, and we will bring it to thee in flotes by sea to Oppa, and thou shalt carrie it up to Jerusalem.

17 ¶ And Solomon numbred all the strangers that were in the land of Israel, after the numbring wherewith David his father had numbred them; and they were an hundred and fiftie thousand and three thousand and six hundred.

18 And he set threescore and ten thousand of them to be bearers of burdens, & fourscore thousand to be hewers in the mountain, & three thousand & six hundred oversee to set 7 people a work.

CHAP. III.

The place and time of building the temple. 3 The measure and ornaments of the house.

Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the LORD appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the house, seeing the heaven, and heaven of heavens, cannot contain him? who am I?

12 And he began to build in the second day

day of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign.

3 ¶ Now these are the things wherein Solomon was instructed for the building of the house of God. The length by cubits after first measure was; three score cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits.

4 And the porch that was in the front of the house, the length of it was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the height was an hundred and twentieth; and he overlaid it within with pure gold.

5 And the greater house he cieled with fir-tree, which he overlaid with fine gold, and set thereon palm-trees and chains.

6 And he garnished the house with precious stones for beautie, and the gold was gold of Parvaïm.

7 He overlaid also the house, the beams, the posts, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof with gold, and graved cherubims on the walls.

8 And he made the most holy house, the length whereof was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof twentie cubits: and he overlaid it with fine gold amounting to six hundred talents.

9 And the weight of the nails was fifrie shekels of gold: and he overlaid the upper chambers with gold.

10 And in the most holy house he made two cherubims of image-work, and overlaid them with gold.

11 ¶ And the wings of the cherubims were twenty cubits long: one wing of the one cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing was likewise five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub.

12 And one wing of the other cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing was five cubits also, joyning to the wing of the other cherub.

13 The wings of these cherubims spread themselves forth twenty cubits: and they stood on their feet, and their faces were inward.

14 ¶ And he made the vail of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and wrought cherubims thereon.

15 Also he made before the house two pillars of thirtie and five cubits high, and the chapter that was on the top of each of them, was five cubits.

16 And he made chains, as in the oracle, and put them on the heads of the pillars, and made an hundred pomegranates, and put them on the chains.

17 And he reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand, Jachin, and the name of that on the left, Boaz.

CHAP. IIII.

1 The altar of brass. 2 The molten sea. 3 The ten lavers, candlesticks, and tables. 19 The instruments of gold.

Moreover, he made an altar of brass, twenty cubits the length thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth thereof, and ten cubits the height thereof.

2 ¶ Also he made a molten sea of ten cubits, from brim to brim, round

in compasse, and five cubits the height thereof, and a line of thirtie cubits did compasse it round about.

3 And under it was the similitude of oxen, which did compasse it round about: ten in a cubit compasing the sea round about. Two rows of oxen were cast, when it was cast.

4 It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: & the sea was set above upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward.

5 And the thicknesse of it was an hand-breadth, & the brim of it like the work of a cup, & flowers of lilies; and it received & held three thousand baths.

6 ¶ He made also ten lavers, & put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them: such things as they offered for burnt-offering, they washed in them: but the sea was for the priests to wash in.

7 And he made ten candlesticks of gold according to their form, and set them in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left.

8 He made also ten tables, and placed them in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left: and he made an hundred basons of gold.

9 ¶ Furthermore, he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them with brass.

10 And he set the sea on the right side of the east-end, over against the south.

11 And Hiram made the pots, and the shovels, and the basons, and Hiram finished the work that he was to make for king Solomon for the house of God:

12 To wit, the two pillars, and the pommels and the chapters which were on the top of the two pillars, and the two wreathes to cover the two pommels of the chapters which were on the top of the pillars:

13 And four hundred pomegranates on the two wreathes: two rows of pomegranates on each wreath, to cover the two pommels of the chapters, which were upon the pillars.

14 He made also bases, and lavers made he upon the bases,

15 One sea, and twelve oxen under it:

16 The pots also and the shovels, and the flesh-hooks, and all their instruments, did Hiram his father make to king Solomon for the house of the LORD, of bright brass.

17 In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground, between Succoth and Zeredathah.

18 Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance: for the weight of the brass could not be found out.

19 ¶ And Solomon made all the vessels that were for the house of God, the golden altar also, and the tables whereon the shew-bread was set.

20 Moreover, he candlesticks with their lamps, that they should burn after the manner, before the oracle: of pure gold.

21 And the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs made he of gold, and that perfect gold.

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12 And the sunners, and the basons, and the spoons, and the censers, of pure gold: and the entry of the house, the inner doors thereof for the most holy place, and the doors of the house of the temple, were of gold.

C H A P. V.

1 The dedicated treasures. 2 The bringing of the ark into the oracle. 11 God being praised for this a sign of his favour.

THUS all the work that Solomon made for the house of the LORD, was finished: and Solomon brought in all the things that David his father had dedicated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, put he among the treasures of the house of God.

2 ¶ Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of tribes, y chief of the fathers of the children of Israel unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD, out of the city of David, which is Zion.

3 Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king in the seventh month, which was in the seventh month.

4 And all the elders of Israel came, and the Levites took up the ark.

5 And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels, that were in the tabernacle, these did the priests and the Levites bring up.

6 Also king Solomon and all the congregation of Israel that were assembled unto him before the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

7 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, to the oracle of the house into the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubims.

8 For the cherubims spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the bases thereof, above.

9 And they drew out of the ark, y ends of the ark were seen from the ark before the oracle, but they were not seen without. And there it is unto this day.

10 There was nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses put therein at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.

11 ¶ And it came to passe when the priests were come out of holy places for all the priests y were present were sanctified, and did not then wait by course.

12 Also the Levites which were the singers, all of them of A saph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons, and their brethren; being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals, and psalteries, and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests, sounding with trumpets)

13 It came even to passe, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lift up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals, and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever:

that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD:

14 So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

C H A P. VI.

1 Solomon having blessed the people, blesteth God. 12 His prayer in the consecration of the temple.

THEN said Solomon, The LORD hath said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.

2 But I have built an house of habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling for ever.

3 And the king turned his face, and blessed the whole congregation of Israel, (and all the congregation of Israel stood)

4 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who hath with his hands fulfilled that which he spake with his mouth to my father David, saying,

5 Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of Egypt, I chose no city among all the tribes of Israel to build an house in, that my name might be there, neither chose I any man to be a ruler over my people Israel:

6 But I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there, and have chosen David to be over my people Israel.

7 Now it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

8 But the LORD said to David my father, Forasmuch as it was in thine heart to build an house for my name, thou didst well in that it was in thine heart:

9 Notwithstanding, thou shalt not build the house, but thy son which shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house for my name.

10 The LORD therefore hath performed his word that he hath spoken: for I am risen up in the room of David my father, & am set on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, & have built the house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

11 And in that I have I put the ark, wherein is the covenant of the LORD: that he made with the children of Israel.

12 ¶ And he stood before the altar of the LORD, in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, & spread forth his hands;

13 (For Solomon had made a brazen scaffold, of five cubits long, & five cubits broad, & three cubits high, & had set it in the midst of the court, and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, & spread forth his hands toward heaven)

14 And said, O LORD God of Israel, there is no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; y keepest covenant, and shewest mercy unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts,

15 Thou which hast kept with thy servant David my father, that which thou hast promised him; and spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day.

16 Now therefore, O LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father, that which thou hast promised him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man

man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Israel; yet so, that thy children take heed to their way to walk in my law, as thou hast walked before me.

17 Now then, O LORD God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which thou hast spoken unto thy servant David.

18 (But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven, and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built?)

19 Have respect therefore to the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee:

20 That thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof thou hast said, that thou wouldst put thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer, which thy servant prayeth towards this place.

21 Hearken therefore unto thy supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, which they shall make towards this place: hear thou from thy dwelling place, even from heaven; and when thou hearest, forgive.

22 ¶ If a man sin against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him, to make him swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house:

23 Then hear thou from heaven, and do, and judge thy servants by requiring the wicked, by recompensing his way upon his own head, and by justifying the righteous, by giving him according to his righteousness.

24 ¶ And if thy people Israel be put to worse before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, & shall return & confesse thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee in this house:

25 Then hear thou from the heavens, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to them, & to their fathers.

26 ¶ When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; yet if they pray towards this place, and confesse thy name, and turn from their sin when thou dost afflict them:

27 Then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, when thou hast taught them the good way, wherein they should walk; and send rain upon the land which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance.

28 ¶ If there be dearth in the land, if there be pestilence, if there be blasting, or mildew, locusts, or caterpillars; if face of thine anointed: remember the their enemies besiege them in the cities of their land: whatsoever sore, or whatsoever sickness there be:

29 Then what prayer or what supplicationsoever shall be made of any man, or of all thy people Israel, when every one shall know his own sore, and his own grief, and shall spread forth his hands in this house:

30 Then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and render unto every man according unto all his

ways, whose heart thou knowest: (for thou only knowest the hearts of the children of men.)

31 That they may fear thee, to walk in thy ways so long as they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

32 ¶ Moreover, concerning the stranger, which is not of thy people Israel, but is come from a far country for thy great names sake, and thy mighty hand, and thy stretched-out arm; if they come and pray in this house:

33 Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling-place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; that all people of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as doth thy people Israel, and may know that this house which I have built, is called by thy name.

34 If thy people go out to war against their enemies by the way which thou shalt send them, and they pray unto thee toward this city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name:

35 Then hear thou from the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

36 If they sin against thee, (for there is no man which sinneth not) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them over before their enemies, and they carry them away captives unto a land far off or near;

37 Yet if they be think themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn and pray unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done amiss, and have dealt wickedly;

38 If they return to thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their captivity, whether they have carried them captives, and pray toward their land which thou gavest unto their fathers, and toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name:

39 Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee.

40 Now, my God, let (I beseech thee) thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.

41 Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting-place, thou, & the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness.

42 O LORD God, turn away the face of thine anointed: remember the mercies of David thy servant.

CHAP. VII.

1 God giving testimony to Solomons prayer by fire from heaven, and glory in the temple the people worship him.

Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt-offering, and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house.

2 And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory

glory of the LORD had filled the LORDS house.

3 And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glorie of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good, for his mercy endureth forever.

4 ¶ Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD.

5 And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep: so the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.

6 And the priests waiged on their offices: the Levites also with instruments of musick of the LORD, which David the king had made to praise the LORD, because his mercy endureth for ever, when David praised by their ministr: and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood.

7 Moreover, Solomon hallowed the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt-offerings, and the fat of the peace-offerings, because the brazen altar which Solomon had made, was not able to receive the burnt-offerings, and the meat-offerings, and the fat.

8 ¶ Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven dayes, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entring in of Hamath, unto the river of Egypt.

9 And in the eighth day they made a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven dayes, and the feast seven dayes.

10 And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh moneth, he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodwille that the LORD had shewed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.

11 Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomons heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house, he prosperously effected.

12 ¶ And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to my self for an house of sacrifice.

13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people:

14 If my people be called by my name, that humble themselves & pray, & seek my face, & turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear from heaven, & will forgive their sin, & will heal their land.

15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.

16 For now have I chosen, and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

17 And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have

commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments:

18 Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Israel.

19 But if ye turn away and forsake my statutes and my commandments which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them:

20 Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb, and a by-word among all nations.

21 And this house which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it: so that he shall say, why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and unto this house?

22 And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *Solomons buildings.* 7 *The Gentiles made tributaries.* 12 *His yearly sacrifices.*

And it came to passe (at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had built the house of the LORD, and his own house)

1 That 7 cities & Hiram had restored to Solomon, Solomon built them, & caused the children of Israel to dwell there.

2 And Solomon went to Hamath-zobah, and prevailed against it.

3 And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store-cities, which he built in Hamath.

4 Also he built Beth-horon the upper, and Beth-horon the nether, fenced cities, with walls, gates, and bars:

5 And Baalath, and all the store-cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot-cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and throughout all the land of his dominion.

6 ¶ As for all the people that were left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites which were not of Israel;

7 But of their children who were left after them in y land, whom the children of Israel consumed not; them did Solomon make to pay tribute, until this day.

8 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no servants for his work: but they were men of war, and chief of his captains, and captains of his chariots and horsemen.

9 And these were the chief of king Solomons officers, even two hundred and fifty, that bare rule over the people.

10 ¶ And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh, out of the city of David, unto the house that he had built for her: for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because the places are holy, whereunto the ark of the LORD hath come.

11 ¶ Then

12 ¶ Then Solomon offered burnt-offerings unto the LORD on the altar of the LORD, as he had built before the porch:

13 Even after a certain rate every day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, even in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles.

14 ¶ And he appointed, according to the order of David his father, the courses of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as y duty of every day required: the porters also by their courses, at every gate: for so had David the man of God commanded.

15 And they departed not from the commandment of the king unto the priests and Levites, concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures.

16 Now all the work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of y foundation of y house of y LORD, & untill it was finished: so the house of God was perfected.

17 ¶ Then went Solomon to Ezion-geber, and to Eloth, at the sea-side in the land of Edom.

18 And Hiram sent him by y hands of his servants, ships, and servants that had knowledge of the sea; & they went & the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and took thence four hundred and fifty talents of gold, & brought them to king Solomon.

C H A P. IX.

1 The queen of Sheba admireth Solomons wisdom. 13 His riches. 29 His reign.

AND when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon w hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very great company, and camels y bare spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

2 And Solomon told her all her questions: and there was nothing hid from Solomon which he told her not.

3 And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built,

4 And y meat of his table, & the sitting of his servants, & the attendance of his ministers, & their apparell, his cup-bearers also, & their apparell, & his ascent apes, and peacocks, by which he went up into y house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.

5 And she said to the king, It was a true report which I heard in mine own land, of thine acts, and of thy wisdom: 6 Howbeit, I believed not thy words, untill I came, and mine eyes had seen it; and behold, the one half of the greatness of thy wisdom was not told me: for thou exceedest the fame that I heard.

7 Happy are thy men, and happy are thy servants, which stand continually before thee, & hear thy wisdom.

8 Blessed be the LORD thy God, w de-lighted in thee to set thee on his throne, so be king for y LORD thy God: because the thy God loved Israel: to establish them forever, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgement and justice. 9 And she gave the king an hundred

and twenty talents of gold, and of spices great abundance, and precious stones: neither was there any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave king Solomon.

10 And the servants also of Hiram, and the servants of Solomon, which brought gold from Ophir, brought algum-trees, and precious stones.

11 And the king made of the algum-trees, terraces to y house of the LORD, & to the kings palace, and harps and psalteries for lingers: and there were none such seen before in the land of Judah.

12 And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba, all her desire, whatsoever she asked, besides that w she had brought unto y king: so she turned, and went away to her own land, she and her servants.

13 ¶ Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year, was six hundred and threescore and six talents of gold.

14 Besides that which chapmen and merchants brought: and all the kings of Arabia, and governors of the country, brought gold and silver to Solomon.

15 ¶ And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred shekels of beaten gold went to one target.

16 And three hundred shields made of beaten gold: three hundred shekels of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

17 ¶ Moreover, the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold.

18 And there were six steps to the throne, with a foot-stool of gold, which were fastened to the throne, and staves on each side of the sitting-place, and two lions standing by the staves.

19 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other, upon the six steps. There was not the like made in any kingdom.

20 ¶ And all the drinking vessels of king Solomon were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold: none were of silver; it was not anything accounted of in the days of Solomon.

21 For the kings ships went to Tarshish with the servants of Hiram: every three years once came the ships of Tarshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and pearls, and precious stones.

22 And king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

23 ¶ And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, y God had put in his heart.

24 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, harness, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

25 ¶ And Solomon had four thousand chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the chariot-cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

26 ¶ And he reigned over all the kings, from the river, even unto the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt, for ever, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgement and justice.

27 And the king made silver in Jerusalem as the sycamore-trees, that are in the

the low plains, in abundance.

21 And they brought unto Solomon horses out of Egypt, & out of all lands.

22 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Solomon first and last, are they not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer, against Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

23 And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel, fourty years.

24 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father, and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. X.

1 Rehoboam raising the old men counsel, to enquire of them, and he saith.

2 And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for to Shechem were all Israel come to make him king.

3 And it came to passe when Jeroboam the son of Nebat (who was in Egypt, whither he had fled from the presence of Solomon the king) heard it, that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt.

4 And they sent and called him: so Jeroboam and all Israel came, and spake to Rehoboam, saying,

5 Thy father made our yoke grievous, now therefore ease thou somewhat the grievous servitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve thee.

6 And he said unto them, Come again unto me after three dayes. And the people departed.

7 ¶ And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye me, to return answer to this people?

8 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou be kinde to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be thy servants for ever.

9 But he forsook the counsel which the old men gave him, and took counsel with the young men that were brought up with him, that stood before him.

10 And he said unto them, What advice give ye, that we may return answer to this people, which have spoken to me, saying, Ease somewhat the yoke that thy father did put upon us?

11 And the young men that were brought up with him, spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou answer the people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it somewhat lighter for us: thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my fathers loins.

12 For whereas my father put a heavy yoke upon you, I will put more to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

13 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king bade, saying, Come again to me on the third day.

14 And the king answered them roughly: and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men.

15 And answered them after the advice of the young men, saying, My father made

your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

16 So the king hearkened not unto the people, for the cause was of God, that the LORD might perform his word, which he spake by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

17 ¶ And when all Israel saw that the king would not hearken unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? and we have none inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to your tents, O Israel: and now David see to thine own house. So all Israel went to their tents.

18 But as for the children of Israel that dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

19 Then king Rehoboam sent Hadram that was over the tribute, and the children of Israel stoned him with stones, that he died: but king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

20 And Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

CHAP. XI.

1 Rehoboam raising an army to subdue Israel, is forbidden by Shemaiah.

2 His wives and children.

3 And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he gathered of the house of Judah and Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against Israel, that he might bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam.

4 But the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

5 Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying,

6 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren: return every man to his house, for this thing is done of me. And they obeyed the words of the LORD, and returned from going against Jeroboam.

7 ¶ And Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, & built cities for defence in Judah.

8 He built even Beth-lehem, and Ram, and Tekoa,

9 And Beth-zur, and Shoco, & Adullam,

10 And Gath, and Maretha, and Ziph,

11 And Adoraim, & Lachish, and Azekah,

12 And Zorah, and Ahijalon, and Hebron, which are in Judah, and in Benjamin, fenced cities.

13 And he fortified the strong holds, and put captains in them, and store of victuall, and of oil and wine.

14 And in every several city he put shields & spears, & made them exceeding strong, having Judah and Benjamin on his side.

15 ¶ And the priests and the Levites that were in all Israel, resorted to him out of all their coasts.

16 (For the Levites left their suburbs, and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priests office unto the LORD.)

17 And he ordained him priests for the high places, and for the devils, and for the calves (which he had made).

18 And

16 And after them out of all the tribes of Israel, such as set their hearts to seek the LORD God of Israel, came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto the LORD God of their fathers.

17 So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three years: for three years they walked in the way of David and Solomon.

18 ¶ And Rehoboam took him Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David to wife, and Abihail the daughter of Eliab, the son of Jesse:

19 Which bare him children; Jeush, and Shamariah, and Zabai.

20 And after her, he took Maachah the daughter of Abisalom, which bare him Abijah, & Attai, and Ziza, & Shelomith.

21 And Rehoboam loved Maachah the daughter of Abisalom, above all his wives and his concubines: (for he took eighteen wives, and threescore concubines, and begat twenty and eight sons, and threescore daughters.)

22 And Rehoboam made Abijah son of Maachah chief, to be ruler among his brethren: for he thought to make him king.

23 And he dealt wisely, & dispersed of all his children throughout all the countries of Judah and Benjamin, unto every fenced citie: & he gave them victuall in abundance: and he desired many wives.

CHAP. XII.

1 Rehoboam forsaking God, is punished by Shishak. 13 his reign and death.

And it came to pass when Rehoboam had established the kingdom, & had strengthened himself, he forsook the law of the LORD, and all Israel with him.

2 And it came to pass, that in the fifth year of Rehoboam, Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem (because they had transgressed against the LORD)

3 with twelve hundred chariots, and threescore thousand horsemen, and the people were without number that came with him out of Egypt: the Libyims, the Sukkims, and the Ethiopians.

4 And he took the fenced citie of Jerusalem, and came to Jerusalem.

5 ¶ Then came Shemaiah the prophet to Rehoboam, and to the princes of Judah that were gathered together to Jerusalem, because of Shishak, and said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, Ye have forsaken me, and therefore have I also left you in the hand of Shishak.

6 Whereupon the princes of Israel, and the king humbled themselves, and they said, The LORD is righteous.

7 And when the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves, therefore I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance, and my wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem, by the hand of Shishak.

8 Nevertheless, they shall be his servants; sons of David; and ye be a great multitude, & there are with you golden calves service of the kingdoms of 9 countreys, which Jeroboam made you for gods.

9 So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, Levites, and have made you priests after the manner of the nations of other lands?

took all he carried away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

10 In stead of which, king Rehoboam made shields of brass, and committed them to the hands of the chief of the guard, that kept the entrance of the kings house.

11 And when the king entered into the house of the LORD, the guard came and set them, and brought them again into the guard-chamber.

12 And when he humbled himself, the wrath of the LORD turned from him, so he would not destroy him altogether; and also in Judah things went well.

13 ¶ So king Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned: for Rehoboam was one and forty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there: and his mothers name was Naamah, an Ammonitess.

14 And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the LORD.

15 Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, are they not written in the book of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the seer, concerning genealogies? And there were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.

16 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, & was buried in the city of David, and Abijah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Abijah succeeding maketh war against Jeroboam, 13 and overcometh him.

Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam, began Abijah to reign over Judah.

2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem: (his mothers name also was Michatiah daughter of Uriel of Gibeah) and there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

3 And Abijah set forth battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand chosen men: Jeroboam also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, being mighty men of valour.

4 ¶ And Abijah stood up upon mount Zemaraim, which is in mount Ephraim, and said, Hear me thou Jeroboam, and all Israel,

5 Ought you not to know, that the LORD God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt?

6 Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon son of David, is risen up, & hath rebelled against his lord.

7 And there are gathered unto him the vain men the children of Belial, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tender-hearted, and could not withstand them.

8 And now yet think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of David; and ye be a great multitude, & there are with you golden calves which Jeroboam made you for gods.

9 Have ye not cast out the priests of the LORD the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made you priests after the manner of the nations of other lands?

And so that whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, the same may be a priest of them that are no gods.

10 But as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not forsaken him, and the priests which minister unto the LORD, are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites wait upon their business.

11 And they burn unto the LORD every morning & every evening, burn sacrifices and sweet incense: the shewbread also set they in order upon a pure table, and the candlestick of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of the Lord our God, but ye have forsaken him.

12 And behold, God himself is with us for our captain, and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you: O children of Israel, fight ye not against the LORD God of your fathers, for you shall not prosper.

13 ¶ But Jeroboam caused an ambushment to come about behind them: so they were before Judah, and the ambushment was behind them.

14 And when Judah looked back, behold, the battell was before and behind: and they cried unto the LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets.

15 Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as y men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God smote Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.

16 And the children of Israel fled before Judah: and God delivered them into their hand.

17 And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter: so there fell down slain of Israel, five hundred thousand chosen men.

18 Thus the children of Israel were brought under at y time, & the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon the LORD God of their fathers.

19 And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Beth-el with the towns thereof, and Jeshanah with the towns thereof, and Ephraim with the towns thereof.

20 Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the dayes of Abijah: and the LORD strook him, and he died.

21 ¶ But Abijah waxed mighty, and married fourteen wives, & begatt twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters.

22 And the rest of the acts of Abijah and his wayes, and his sayings, are written in the story of the prophet Iddo.

CHAP. XLIII.

1 Asa succeeding destroyeth idolatrie.

9 Calling on God he overthroweth Zerah, and spoileth the Ethiopians.

So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David, and Asa his son reigned in his stead: in his dayes the land was quiet ten years.

2 And Asa did that which was good & right in the eyes of the Lord his God.

3 For he took away y altars of y strange gods, & the high places, and brake down the images, and cut down the groves:

4 And commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to do

as he w, and the commandments,

As he took away out of all y cities of Judah y high places and the images: and the kingdom was quiet before him.

6 ¶ And he built fenced cities in Judah: for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years; because the LORD had given him rest.

7 Therefore he said unto Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about them walls, and towers, gates, and bars, while the land is yet before us; because we have sought the Lord our God, we have fought him, and he hath given us rest on every side: so they built, and prospered.

8 And Asa had an army of men that bare targets and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand, and out of Benjamin, that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand: all these were mighty men of valour.

9 ¶ And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian, with an host of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots, and came unto Marehab.

10 Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battell in array in the valley of Zepharbathat Marehab.

11 And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude: O LORD, thou art our God, let not man prevail against thee.

12 So the LORD smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah, and the Ethiopians fled.

13 And Asa and the people that were with him pursued them unto Gerar: and the Ethiopians were overthrown, that they could not recover themselves, for they were destroyed before the LORD and before his host; and they carried away very much spoil.

14 And they smote all the cities round about Gerar, for the fear of the LORD came upon them: and they spoiled all the cities, for there was exceeding much spoil in them.

15 They smote also the tents of camel, and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

CHAP. XV.

1 Asa with others maketh a solemn covenant with God. 16 He putteth down Masebath his mother for her idolatrie.

And the spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded.

2 And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin, The Lord is with you, while ye be with him: and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.

3 Now for a long season Israel hath been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law.

4 But when they in their trouble did turn unto the LORD God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them.

5 And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him y came in, but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the countreys.

6 And nation was destroyed of nation,

tion, and city of city: for God did vex them with all adversity.

7 Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak; for your work shall be rewarded.

8 And when Asa heard these words, and the prophetic of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the Lord that was before the porch of the Lord.

9 And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: (for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the Lord his God was with him.)

10 So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.

11 And they offered unto the Lord the same time, of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred oxen, and seven thousand sheep.

12 And they entered into a covenant to seek the Lord God of their fathers, & all their heart and with all their soul;

13 That whosoever would not seek the Lord God of Israel, should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.

14 And they swore unto the Lord with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets and with corners.

15 And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire, and he was found of them: and the Lord gave them rest round about.

16 ¶ And also concerning Maachab, the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove: and Asa cut down her idol, and stamped it, and burnt it at the brook Kidron.

17 But the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless, the heart of Asa was perfect all his days.

18 ¶ And he brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels.

19 And there was no more war unto the five and thirtieth year of his reign of Asa.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Asa by the Syrians aid, diverteth Baasha from building Ramah. 11 He seeketh to the Physicians. 13 His death, and burial.

IN the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa, Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, & built Ramah, to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

2 Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the Lord, and of the king's house, and sent to Benhadad king of Syria that dwelt at Damascus, saying,

3 There is a league between me & thee, as there was between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent thee silver & gold: go, break thy league & Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.

4 And Benhadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Iion, and Dan, and Abel-maim, and all the fenced cities of Naphtali.

5 And it came to passe, when Baasha heard it, that he left off building of Ramah, and let his work cease.

6 Then Asa the king took all Judah, and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha was a building, and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah.

7 ¶ And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, & said unto him, Because thou hast relied on Syria, and not relied on the Lord thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand.

8 Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the Lord, he delivered them into thine hand.

9 For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to see himself strong in the behalf of them, whose heart is perfect towards him. Herin thou hast done foolishly: therefore, from henceforth thou shalt have ways.

10 Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison-house; for he was in a rage with him, because of this thing. And Asa oppressed some of the people the same time.

11 ¶ And behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

12 And Asa, in the thirty and ninth year of his reign, was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great; yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians.

13 ¶ And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.

14 And they buried him in his own sepulchres which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed, which was filled with sweet odours, and divers kinds of spices prepared by the apothecaries art: and they made a very great burning for him.

CHAP. XVII.

1 Jehoshaphat reigneth well & prospereth. 7 He sendeth Levites to teach Judah. 12 His greatness, captains, &c.

AND Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead, and strengthened himself against Israel.

2 And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Judah, and set garisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken.

3 And the Lord was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in his first ways of his father David, & sought not unto Baalim;

4 But sought to the Lord God of his father, and walked in his commandments, & not after the doings of Israel;

5 Therefore the Lord established the kingdom in his hand, and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents, and he had riches and honour in abundance.

6 And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the Lord: moreover, he took away the

high places & groves out of Judah.

2 ¶ Also in the third year of his reign, he sent to his princes, even to Ben-hail, and to Obadiah, and to Zechariah, and to Nerhaneel, and to Micaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah.

3 And with them he sent Levites, even Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Ashbel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tob-adonijah, Levites; and with them Elishama, and Jehoram, priests.

4 And they taught in Judah, and had the book of the law of the LORD with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.

5 ¶ And the fear of the LORD fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.

6 Also some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents, and tribute-silver; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred hee-goats.

7 ¶ And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah, castles, and cities of store.

8 And he had much business in the cities of Judah: & the men of war, mighty men of valour, were in Jerusalem.

9 And these are the numbers of them according to the house of their fathers: of Judah, the captains of thousands; Adnah the chief, and with him mighty men of valour, three hundred thousand.

10 And next to him was Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and fourscore thousand.

11 And next him was Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself unto the LORD; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valour.

12 And of Benjamin; Eliada a mighty man of valour, & with him armed men bow & shield, two hundred thousand.

13 And next him was Jehozabad, and with him an hundred and fourscore thousand, ready prepared for the war.

14 These waited on the king, besides those whom the king put in the fenced cities, throughout all Judah.

C H A P. XVIII.

1 Jehoshaphat goeth with Ahab against Ramoth-gilead. 4 Ahab seduced by false prophets, is slain there.

NOW Jehoshaphat had riches and honour in abundance, and joyed in affinity with Ahab.

2 And after certain years, he went down to Ahab to Samaria: and Ahab killed theep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that he had with him, and perswaded him to go up with him to Ramoth-gilead.

3 And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, wilt thou go with me to Ramoth-gilead? And he answered him, I am as thou art, and my people as thy people, and we will be with thee in the war.

4 ¶ And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.

5 Therefore the king of Israel gather-

ed together four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battel, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for God will deliver it into the kings hand.

6 But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him?

7 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him, for he never prophesieth good unto me, but always evil: the same is Micaiah the son of Jimla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

8 And the king of Israel called for one of his officers, and said, Fetch quickly Micaiah the son of Jimla.

9 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah, sat either of them on his throne, clothed in their robes, and they sat in a void place at the entering in of the gate of Samaria, and all the prophets prophesied before them.

10 And Zedekiah the son of Cheneanah, had made him horns of iron, and said, Thus saith the LORD, With these thou shalt push Syria until they be consumed.

11 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

12 And the messenger that went to call Micaiah, spake to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets declare good to the king with one assent: let thy word therefore, I pray thee, be like one of theirs, and speak thou good.

13 And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, even what my God saith, that will I speak.

14 And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battel, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go ye up and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand.

15 And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou say nothing but the truth to me, in the name of the LORD?

16 Then he said, I did see all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master; let them return therefore every man to his house in peace.

17 And ¶ king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would not prophesse good unto me, but evil?

18 Again he said, Therefore hear the word of ¶ LORD, I saw the LORD sitting upon his throne, & all ¶ host of heaven standing on his right hand, & on his left.

19 And the LORD said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one spake, saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner.

20 Then there came out a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will entice him. And the LORD said unto him, wherewith?

21 And he said, I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And the LORD said, Thine, and shalt entice him, and thou shalt Michah,

prevail: go out, and do even so.

22 Now therefore behold, the Loam hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil against thee.

23 Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah, came near, and smote Micaiah upon the cheek, and said, which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me, to speak unto thee?

24 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see on that day, when thou shalt go into an inner-chamber to hide thyself.

25 Then the king of Israel said, Take ye Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son:

26 And say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction, and with water of affliction, until I return in peace.

27 And Micaiah said, If thou certainly return in peace, then hath not the LORD spoken by me. And he said, Hearken all ye people.

28 So the king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead.

29 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and will go to the battel, but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself, and they went to the battel.

30 Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of his chariots that were with him, saying, Fight ye not with small or great, save only with the king of Israel.

31 And it came to pass when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, It is the king of Israel: therefore they compassed about him to fight: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD helped him, and God moved them to depart from him.

32 For it came to pass, that when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back again from pursuing him.

33 And a certain man drew a bow at adventure, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of his harness: therefore he said to his chariot-man, Turn thine hand, that thou mayest carry me out of the host, for I am wounded.

34 And the battel increased that day: howbeit the king of Israel stayed himself up in his chariot against the Syrians, until the even: and about the time of the sun going down, he died.

CHAP. XIX.

Jehoshaphat visiteth his kingdom, & his instructions to the judges, &c.

And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem.

2 And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer, went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? therefore is wrath upon thee from before the LORD.

3 Nevertheless, there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God.

And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusa-

lem: and he went out against through the people, from Beer-sheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them back unto the LORD God of their fathers.

4 And he set judges in the land, throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city.

5 And said to the judges, Take heed what ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for the LORD, who is with you in judgement.

6 Wherefore now, let the fear of the LORD be upon you, take heed and do it: for there is no inquiry with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.

7 Moreover in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat set of the Levites, and of the chief of the fathers of Israel, for the judgement of the LORD, and for controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem.

8 And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.

9 And what cause soever shall come to you of your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood & blood, between law & commandment, statutes & judgments, ye shall even warn them that they trespass not against the LORD: and so wrath come upon you, & upon your brethren: this do, and ye shall not trespass.

10 And behold, Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of the LORD, and Zedabiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters: also the Levites shall be officers before you. Deal courageously, and the LORD shall be with you.

CHAP. XX.

Jehoshaphat proclaimeth a fast. His prayer. The overthrow of the enemies. Jehoshaphat's reign.

It came to pass after this also, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them others beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battel.

2 Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side Syria, and behold, they be in Hazazon-tamar, which is Engedi.

3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

4 And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of the LORD: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

5 And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD before the new courts.

6 And said, O LORD God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?

7 Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, & gavest it to thy seed of Abraham thy friend for ever?

8 And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying,

9 If when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgement, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.

10 And now behold, the children of Ammon, and Moab, and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not:

11 Behold I say, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit.

12 O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us: neither know we what to do, but our eyes are upon thee.

13 And all Judah stood before the Lord, with their little ones their wives and their children.

14 ¶ Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaniah, the son of Jebiel, the son of Maranah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph came the Spirit of the Lord in the midst of the congregation.

15 And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, & thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the Lord unto you, Be not afraid, nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude, for the battell is not yours, but Gods.

16 To morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz, and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel.

17 Ye shall not need to fight in this battell; set your selves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you, O Judah & Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them, for the Lord will be with you.

18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head & his face to the ground: and all Judah, & the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the Lord, worshipping the Lord.

19 And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the Lord God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

20 ¶ And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, believe in the Lord your God, so shall you be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the Lord, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord, for his mercy endureth for ever.

22 ¶ And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah, and they were smitten.

23 For the children of Ammon and Moab, stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them; and when they had made an end

of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another.

24 And when Judah came toward the watch-tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped.

25 And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels (which they stripped off for themselves) more than they could carry away: and they were three dayes in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.

26 ¶ And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Berachah; for there they blessed the Lord: therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah unto this day.

27 Then they returned every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy: for the Lord had made them to rejoice over their enemies.

28 And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries, and harps, and trumpets, unto the house of the Lord.

29 And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries, when they had heard that the Lord fought against the enemies of Israel.

30 So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet; for his God gave him rest round about.

31 ¶ And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah: he was thirty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem: and his mothers name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

32 And he walked in the way of Asa his father, & departed not from it, doing what was right in the sight of the Lord:

33 Howbeit, the high places were not taken away, for as yet the people had not prepared their hearts unto the God of their fathers.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Jehu the son of Hanani, who is mentioned in the book of the kings of Israel.

35 ¶ And after this did Jehoshaphat king of Judah joyne himself & Ahaziah king of Israel, who did very wickedly;

36 And he joyined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish: and they made the ships in Ezion-geber.

37 Then Eliezer the son of Dodayah of Maretha, prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because thou hast joyined thy self & Ahaziah, the Lord hath broken thy works: and the ships were broken, so they were not able to go to Tarshish.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Jehoram succeedeth Jehoshaphat. His wicked reign. His incurable disease, infamous death, and buriall.

NOW Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

2 And he had brethren the sons of Jehoshaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michai,

and Shephatiah: all these were the sons of Jehohaphath king of Israel.

3 And their father gave them great gifts of silver and of gold, and of precious things, with fenced cities in Judah: but the kingdom gave he to Jehoram, because he was the first-born.

4 Now when Jehoram was risen up to the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself, and slew all his brethren with the sword, and divers also of the princes of Israel.

5 ¶ Jehoram was thirty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

6 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab: for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife: and he wrought that which was evil in the eyes of the LORD.

7 Howbeit the LORD would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a light to him, and to his sons for ever.

8 ¶ In his days the Edomites revolted from under the dominion of Judah, and made themselves a king.

9 Then Jehoram went forth with his princes, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him in, and the captains of the chariots.

10 So the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. The same time also did Libnah revolt from under his hand: because he had forsaken the LORD God of his fathers.

11 Moreover, he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit fornication, and compelled Judah *therein*.

12 ¶ And there came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehohaphath thy father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah,

13 But hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go a whoring, like to the whoredoms of the house of Ahab, and also hast slain thy brethren of thy fathers house, which were better than thy self:

14 Behold, with a great plague will the LORD smite thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy goods.

15 And thou shalt have great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out, by reason of sickness day by day.

16 ¶ Moreover, the LORD stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that were near the Ethiopians.

17 And they came up into Judah, and brake into it, and carried away all the substance that was found in the kings house, and his sons also and his wives; so that there was never a son left him, save Jehoahaz the youngest of his sons.

18 ¶ And after all this the LORD smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease.

19 And it came to pass that in process of time, after the end of two years,

his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness: so he died of sore diseases: And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers.

10 Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and hereigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being desired: howbeit they buried him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchres of the kings.

CHAP. XXII.

1 Abaziah succeeding, reigneth wickedly. 2 He is slain by Jehu. 3 Athaliah destroying the royal seed, save Joash, usurpeth the kingdom.

And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Abaziah his youngest son king in his stead: for the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp, had slain all the eldest. So Abaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned.

2 Forty and two years old was Abaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem: his mothers name also was Athaliah the daughter of Omri.

3 He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his counsellour to do wickedly.

4 Wherefore he did evil in the sight of the LORD, like the house of Ahab: for they were his counsellors after the death of his father, to his destruction.

5 ¶ He walked also after their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel, to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead: and the Syrians smote Joram.

6 And he returned to be healed in Jezreel, because of the wounds which were given him at Ramah, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria. And Azariah the son of Jehoram king of Judah, went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab at Jezreel, because he was sick.

7 And the destruction of Abaziah was of God by coming to Joram: for when he was come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimhi, whom the LORD had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab.

8 And it came to pass that when Jehu was executing judgement upon the house of Ahab, and found the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brethren of Abaziah, that ministered to Abaziah, he slew them.

9 And he sought Abaziah: and they caught him, (for he was hid in Samaria) and brought him to Jehu: and when they had slain him, they buried him, because (said they) he is the son of Jehohaphath, who fought the LORD with all his heart. So the house of Abaziah had no power to keep still the kingdom.

10 ¶ But when Athaliah the mother of Abaziah, saw that her son was dead, she arose, and destroyed all the seed royal of the house of Judah.

11 But Jehoiada the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Abaziah, and stole him from among the kings sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in a bed-chamber. So Jehoiada beareth the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest (for the law was

the sister of Ahaziah) hid him from her clothes, and said, Treason, treason. Athaliah, so that she slew him not.

12 And he was with them hid in the house of God six years, and Athaliah reigned over the land.

CHAP. XLIIII.

1 *Jehoiada having set things in order maketh Joash king.* 2 *Athaliah is slain.*

16 *Jehoiada restoreth the worship of God.*

And in the seventh year Jehoiada he was come to the setting of the sun, strengthened himself, & took 7 captains by the kings house, they slew her there: 16 ¶ And Jehoiada made a covenant roboam, & Ishmael 7 son of Jehohanan, between him, and between all the people and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maasiah the son of Adaiab, & Elihaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him.

17 Then all the people went to the house of the LORD, and brake it down, and brake his images in pieces, and his images in pieces, and slew of Judah, and the chief of the fathers of Mattan 7 priest of Baal before the altars. Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.

18 Also Jehoiada appointed the officers of the house of the LORD by the hand of the Levites, whom David God: and he said unto them, Behold, had distributed in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt-offerings of the LORD, as it is written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, 19 And he set the porters at the gates of the house of the LORD, that none should enter in.

20 And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the house of the LORD: and they came through the high gate into the kings house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom.

21 And all the people of the land rejoiced: and the city was quiet, after that they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

CHAP. XLV.

1 *Joash reigneth well all the dayes of Jehoiada.* 2 *Jehoiada being dead,* 3 *Joash falleth to idolatry.* 4 *Joash is slain.*

¶ Oath was seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem: his mothers name also was Zibeah of Beer-sheba.

2 And Joash did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, all the dayes of Jehoiada the priest.

3 And Jehoiada took for him two wives, and he begat sons and daughters.

4 ¶ And it came to passe after this, that Joash was minded to repair the house of the LORD.

5 And he gathered together the priests of the Levites, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that ye haste the matter: howbeit the Levites hastened it not.

6 And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in the collection, according to the commandment of Moses the servant of the LORD, and of the congregation of Israel, for the princes & the trumpets by the king: the tabernacle of witness?

7 For the sons of Athaliah that wicked woman, had broken up the house of God, & with instruments of music: and such as also all the dedicate things of the house of David, they brought in the house of the LORD.

8 And he looked, and behold, the king stood at his pillar, at the entering in, and of the congregation of Israel, for the princes & the trumpets by the king: the tabernacle of witness?

9 And all the people of the land rejoiced, and sounded 7 trumpets, also the singers with instruments of music: and such as also all the dedicate things of the house of David, they brought in the house of the LORD.

10 Then Athaliah rent the robe, and said, Murderers, murderers: and she ran to the house of the LORD, and she was slain there.

8 And at the kings commandment they made a chest, and set it without at the gate of the house of the LORD.

9 And they made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in to the LORD, the collection that Moses the servant of God laid upon Israel in the wilderness.

10 And all the princes, and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end.

11 Now it came to passe, that at what time the chest was brought unto the kings office, by the hand of the Levites; and when they saw that there was much money: the kings scribe, and the high priests officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to his place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance.

12 And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the LORD, and also such as wrought iron and brasie to mend the house of the LORD.

13 So the workmen wrought, and the work was perfected by them, and they set the house of God in his state, and strengthened it.

14 And when they had finished it, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, whereof were made vessels for the house of the LORD, even vessels to minister, and to offer withall, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver: and they offered burnt-offerings in the house of the LORD continually, all the daies of Jehoiada.

15 ¶ But Jehoiada waxed old, and was full of daies when he died, an hundred perfect heart, & thirty years old was he when he died.

16 And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both towards God, & towards his house.

17 Now after the death of Jehoiada, came the princes of Judah, and made obedience to the king: then the king hearkened unto them.

18 And they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served groves and idols: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass.

19 Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD, and they testified against them: but they would not give ear.

20 And the spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, why transgresse ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you.

21 And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king, in the court of the house of the LORD.

22 Thus Joash the king remembered not the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but slew his son: and when he died, he said, The LORD look upon it, and require it.

23 ¶ And it came to passe at the end

of the year, that the host of Syria came up against him: and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoil of them unto the king of Damascus.

24 For the army of the Syrians came with a small company of men, and the LORD delivered a very great host into their hand, because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers: so they executed judgement against Joash.

25 And when they were departed from him (for they left him in great diseases) his own servants conspired against him, for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died: and they buried him in the city of David, but they buried him not in the sepulchres of the kings.

26 And these are they that conspired against him; Zabad the son of Shimeach an Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of Shimriah a Moabite.

27 ¶ Now concerning his sons, and the greatness of the burdens laid upon him, and the repairing of the house of God, behold, they are written in the story of the book of the kings. And Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXV.

1 *Amaziah beginneth to reign well.*

2 *He overthroweth the Edomites.*

Amaziah was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem: and his mothers name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a perfect heart.

4 ¶ Now it came to passe, when the kingdom was established to him, that he slew his servants that had killed the king his father.

5 But he slew not their children, but did as it is written in the law in the book of Moses, where the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.

6 ¶ Moreover, Amaziah gathered Judah together, and made them captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of their fathers, throughout all Judah & Benjamin: & he numbered them from twenty years old & above, and found them three hundred thousand choice men, able to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield.

7 He hired also an hundred thousand mighty men of valour out of Israel, for an hundred talents of silver.

8 But there came a man of God to him, saying, O king, let not my army of Israel go with thee; for the LORD is not with Israel, to wit, with all the children of Ephraim.

9 But if thou wilt go, do it, be strong for the battle: God shall make thee fall before the enemy: for God hath power to help, and to call down.

10 And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel? and the man of God

answered. The LORD is able to give ver, & all the vessels that were found in the house of God with Obed-edom, and

Then Amaziah separated them, to wit, the treasures of the kings house, the house of the army that was come to him out of Ephraim, to go home again: wherefore their

anger was greatly kindled against Judah, of which Joash lived after the death of Joash son and they returned home in great anger.

11 ¶ And Amaziah strengthened himself, and led forth his people, and went into the valley of salt, and smote of the book of the kings of Judah & Israel? children of Seir, ten thousand.

12 And other ten thousand left alive, did children of Judah carry away captive, and brought them unto the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, they were broken all in pieces.

13 ¶ But the souldiers of the army which Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battel, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria even unto Beth-horon, and smote three thousand of them, and took much spoil.

14 ¶ Now it came to passe, after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Seir, & set them up to be his gods, & bowed down himself before them, & burned incense unto them.

15 Wherefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Amaziah, & he sent unto him a prophet, which said unto him, why hast thou sought after the gods of the people, which could not deliver their own people out of thine hand?

16 And it came to pass as he talked with him, that the king said unto him, Art thou made of kings counsel? forbear; why shouldst thou be smitten? Then the prophet forbore, and said, I know that God hath determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel.

17 ¶ Then Amaziah king of Judah took advice, & sent to Joash the son of Jehoahaz, son of Jehu king of Israel, saying,

18 And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that was in Lebanon, sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wilde beast that was in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle.

19 Thou sayest, Lo, thou hast smitten the Edomites, and thine heart lifteth thee up to boast: abide now at home, why shouldst thou meddle to thine hurt, thou shouldst fall, even thou, and Judah with thee?

20 But Amaziah would not hear, for it came of God, that he might deliver them dresser in the mountains, and in Canaan to the hand of their enemies, because they sought after the gods of Edom.

21 So Joash the king of Israel went up, fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account, by the hand of Jeshiel the scribe, Beth-themesh, which belongeth to Judah, and Maasiah the ruler, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the kings captains.

22 And Judah was put to the worse before Israel, and they fled every man to his tent.

23 And Joash son of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah son of Joash, son of Jehoahaz, at Beth-themesh, & brought him to Jerusalem, & brake down the wall of Jerusalem, from the gate of Ephraim war with mighty power, to help the so the corner-gate, four hundred cubits king against thee.

24 And he took all the gold and the silver, and he prepared for them through.

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Uzziah succeedeth. 16 Invading the priests office, he is smitten with leprosie. He dieth, and Jotham succeedeth.

Then a people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixty years old, & made him king in the room of his father Amaziah.

2 He built Elath, & restored it to Judah, after that king slept with his fathers.

3 Sixteen years old was Uzziah, when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and two years in Jerusalem: his mothers name also was Jecoliah of Jerusalem.

4 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah did.

5 And he taught God in the dayes of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper.

6 And he went forth and warred against the Philistines, and brake down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod, and built cities about Ashdod, and among the Philistines.

7 And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians that dwelt in Gur-baal, and the Mebunims.

8 And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah, and his name spread abroad even to the entering in of Egypt, for he strengthened himself exceedingly.

9 Moreover, Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the corner-gate, and at the valley-gate, and at the turning of the wall, and fortified them.

10 Also he built towers in the desert, and digged many wells, for he had much cattel, both in the low-country, and in the plains: husbandmen also, and vine-dressers in the mountains, and in Carmel: for he loved husbandry.

11 Moreover, Uzziah had an host of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account, by the hand of Jeshiel the scribe, Beth-themesh, which belongeth to Judah, and Maasiah the ruler, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the kings captains.

12 The whole number of the chief of the fathers of the mighty men of valor, were two thousand and six hundred.

13 And under their hand was an army, three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against thee.

14 And Uzziah prepared for them through.

throughout all the host, shields, and spears, and helmets, and habergeons, and bows, and slings to cast stones.

15 And he made in Jerusalem engines invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withall: and his name spread for abroad, for he was marvellously helped till he was strong.

16 ¶ But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD, to burn incense upon an altar of incense.

17 And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of the LORD, that were valiant men:

18 And they withstood Uziah king, and said unto him, it appertaineth not unto thee, Uziah, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the priest the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary, for thou hast trespassed, neither shall it be for thine honour from the LORD God.

19 Then Uziah was wroth, and had a censer in his hand, to burn incense: and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosie even rose up in his forehead, before the priests in the house of the LORD, from beside the incense altar.

20 And Azariah the chief priest, & all the priests looked upon him, & behold, he was leproous in his forehead, & they thrust him out from thence, yea, himself hastened also to go out, because the LORD had smitten him.

21 And Uziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house being a leper, for he was cut off from the house of the LORD: and Jotham his son was over the kings house, judging the people of the land.

22 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Uziah, first and last, did Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz write.

23 So Uziah slept with his fathers, & they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which belonged to the kings; for they said, he is a leper: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 Jotham reigning well, prospereth. 5 He subdueth the Ammonites. 7 His reign.

9 Abaz succeedeth him.

Jotham was twenty & five years old when he began to reign, & he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: his mothers name also was Jerushah, daughter of Zadok.

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Uziah did: howbeit he entered not into the temple of the LORD. And the people did yet corruptly.

3 He built the high gate of the house of the LORD, and on the wall of Ophel he built much.

4 Moreover, he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forrests he built castles and towers.

5 ¶ He fought also with the king of the Ammonites, & prevailed against them. And the children of Ammon gave him the same year an hundred talents of silver, & ten thousand measures of wheat, & ten thousand of barley. So much did the children of Ammon pay unto him,

both the second year, and the third, 6 So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the LORD his God.

7 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

8 He was five and twentie years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.

9 ¶ And Jotham slept with his fathers, & they buried him in the city of David: and Abaz his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 Abaz reigning wickedly, is afflicted by the Syrians. 22 In his distress he groweth more idolatrous. 26 He dyeth. Hezekiah succeedeth him.

Abaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: but he did not that which was right in the sight of the LORD, like David his father.

2 For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for Baalim.

3 Moreover, he burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.

4 He sacrificed also, and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

5 Wherefore the LORD his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria, & they smote him, & carried away a great multitude of them captives, & brought them to Damascus: and he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who smote him with a great slaughter.

6 ¶ For Pekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah an hundred and twenty thousand in one day, which were all valiant men; because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers.

7 And Zichri a mighty man of Ephraim, slew Maaseiah the kings son, & Azrikam the governor of the house, and Elkanah that was next to the king.

8 And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brethren, two hundred thousand women, sons and daughters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria.

9 But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded: and he went out before the host that came to Samaria, and said unto them, Behold, because the LORD God of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he hath delivered them into your hand, and ye have slain them in a rage that reacheth up unto heaven.

10 And now ye purpose to keep under the children of Judah & Jerusalem for bond-men, and bond-women unto you: but are they not with you, even with you, sins against the LORD your God?

11 Now hear me therefore, and deliver the captives again, which ye have taken captive of your brethren: for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you.

12 Then certain of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Jehiel, Moth, & Jehiziah the son of Shallum,

And Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against them that came from the war,

13 And said unto them, Ye shall not bring in captives hither: for whereas we have offended against γ LORD already, ye intend to adde more to our sins & to our trespass: for our trespass is great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel.

14 So the armed men left the captives and the spoil, before the princes and all the congregation.

15 And the men γ were expressed by name, rose up, and took the captives, & the spoil clothed all that were naked among them, and arrayed them, and shod them, & gave them to eat and to drink, & anointed them, & carried all the feeble of them upon asses, & brought them to Jericho, γ citie of palm-trees, to their brethren: then they returned to Samaria.

16 ¶ At that time did king Ahaz send unto the kings of Assyria to help him.

17 For again the Edomites had come & smitten Judah, & carried away captives

18 The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the low-countrie, and of the south of Judah, and had taken Beth-she-mesh, & Aialon, & Gederoth, and Shochoh with the villages thereof, and Timnah & the villages thereof, Gimzo also and the villages thereof: and they dwelt there.

19 For the LORD brought Judah low, because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he made Judah naked, and transgressed fore against the LORD.

20 And Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria came unto him, and distressed him, but strengthened him not.

21 For Ahaz took away a portion out of the house of the LORD, and out of the house of the king, and of the princes, and gave it unto the king of Assyria: but he helped him not.

22 ¶ And in the time of his distresse did he trespass yet more against the LORD: This is that king Ahaz.

23 For he sacrificed unto the gods of Damascus, which smote him: & he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, therefore will I sacrifice to them: that they may help me: but they were the ruine of him and of all Israel.

24 And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the LORD, and he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem.

25 And in every severall city of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers.

26 ¶ Now the rest of his acts, and of all his wayes, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

27 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, even in Jerusalem: but they brought him not into the sepulchres of the kings of Israel: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XLIX.

1 Hezekiah's good reign. 2 He reformed religion. 3 The house of God cleansed.

Hezekiah began to reign when he was have and twenty years old, and he

reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem: and his mothers name was Abijah the daughter of Zechariah.

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done.

3 ¶ He, in the first year of his reign, in the first moneth, opened the doors of γ house of the LORD, and repaired them.

4 And he brought in the priests, and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east-street,

5 And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctifie now yourselves, and sanctifie the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place.

6 For our fathers have trespassed, & done that γ was evil in the eyes of the LORD our God, & have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from γ habitation of the LORD, & turned their backs.

7 Also they have shut up the doors of γ porch, & put out the lamps, & have not burnt incense, nor offered burnt-offerings in the holy place, unto γ God of Israel.

8 Wherefore the wrath of γ LORD was upon Judah & Jerusalem, & he hath delivered them to trouble, to astonishment, and to hissing, as ye see with your eyes.

9 For lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons, and our daughters, and our wives are in captivity for this.

10 Now it is in mine heart to make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us.

11 My sons, be not now negligent: for γ LORD hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that you should minister unto him, and burn incense.

12 ¶ Then the Levites arose, Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites: and of the sons of Merari, Kish γ son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jahalelei: and of the Gerthionites, Iosh the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joab:

13 And of the sons of Elizaphan; Shimri, and Jehiel: and of the sons of Afaph; Zechariah, and Matthanah:

14 And of the sons of Heman; Jehiel, and Shimei: and of the sons of Jeduthun; Shemaiah, and Uzziel.

15 And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD.

16 And the priests went into the inner part of the house of γ LORD, to cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD, into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took it, to carry it out abroad into the brook Kidron.

17 Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctifie, and on the eighth day of the moneth came they to the porch of the LORD: so they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight dayes, and in the sixteenth day of the first moneth they made an end.

18 Then they went in to Hezekiah γ king, and said, We have cleansed all γ house of γ LORD, and the altar of burnt-offering, with all the vessels thereof, & the show-

bread table, with all the vessels thereof.
19 Moreover, all the vessels which king Abaz in his reign did cast away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and behold, they are before the altar of the LORD.

20 ¶ Then Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of the LORD.

21 And they brought seven bullocks, & seven rams, & seven lambs, & seven he-goats, for a sin-offering for y kingdom, and for y sanctuary, and for Judah: and he commanded y priests y sons of Aaron to offer them on the altar of the LORD.

22 So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received y blood, and sprinkled it on the altar: likewise when they had killed y rams, they sprinkled the blood upon y altar: they killed also the lambs, & they sprinkled y blood upon y altar.

23 And they brought forth the he-goats for the sin-offering, before the king and the congregation, and they laid their hands upon them:

24 And the priests killed them, and they made reconciliation wth their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel: for the king commanded that the burnt-offering and the sin-offering should be made for all Israel.

25 And he set the Levites in y house of y LORD wth cymbals, with psalteries, and wth harps, according to y commandment of David, and of Gad the kings seer, and Nathan y prophet: for so was the commandment of y LORD by his prophets.

26 And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets.

27 And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt-offering upon the altar: and when the burnt-offering began, the song of the LORD began also with the trumpets, and with the instruments ordained by David king of Israel.

28 And all the congregation worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: and all this continued untill the burnt-offering was finished.

29 And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all that were present with him, bowed themselves and worshipped.

30 Moreover, Hezekiah the king, and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto the LORD, with the words of David, and of Asaph the Seer: and they sang praises with gladness, & they bowed their heads & worshipped.

31 Then Hezekiah answered & said, Now ye have consecrated your selves unto y LORD, come near and bring sacrifices, & thank-offerings into the house of the LORD. And the congregation brought in sacrifices, & thank-offerings, & as many as were of a free heart, burnt-offerings.

32 And the number of the burnt-offerings which y congregation brought, was threescore and ten bullocks, an hundred rams, and two hundred lambs: all these were for a burnt-offering to the LORD.

33 And the consecrated things were six hundred oxen, & three thousand sheep.

34 But the priests were too few, so that they could not y all the burnt-

offerings: wherefore their brethren the Levites did help them till the work was ended, and until the other priests had sanctified themselves: for the Levites were more upright in heart, to sanctify themselves, than the priests.

35 And also the burnt-offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace-offerings, and the drink-offerings for every burnt-offering. So the service of y house of the LORD was set in order.

36 And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people: for the thing was done suddenly.

CHAP. XXX.

1 Hezekiah proclaimeth a passover.
2 The assembly destroying the altars of idolatry, kept the feast fourteen days.

And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel.

2 For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the passover in the second month.

3 For they could not keep it at the time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem.

4 And the thing pleased the king, and all the congregation.

5 So they established a decree, to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beer-sheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel at Jerusalem: for they had not done it of a long time in such sort as it was written.

6 So the posts went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, Ye children of Israel, turn again unto the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria.

7 And be not ye like your fathers, & like your brethren, w^{ch} trespassed against the LORD God of their fathers, who therefore gave them up to desolation, as ye see.

8 Now be ye not stiff-necked as your fathers were, but yield your selves unto the LORD, and enter into his sanctuary, w^{ch} he had sanctified for ever: and serve the LORD your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you.

9 For if ye turn again unto y LORD, your brethren and your children shall find compassion before them that lead them captive, so y they shall come again into this land: for y LORD your God is gracious & merciful, & will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him.

10 So y posts passed from city to city, through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, even unto Zebulun: but they laughed them to scorn, & mocked them.

11 Neverthelesse, divers of Asher and Manasseh, and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem.

12 Also in Judah the hand of God was

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to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the prince, by the word of the LORD.

13 ¶ And there assembled at Jerusalem much people, to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great congregation.

14 And they arose, and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem; and all γ altars for incense took they away, and cast them into the brook Kidron.

15 Then they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the second month: and the priests and the Levites were alarmed, and sanctified themselves, and brought in the burnt-offerings into the house of the LORD.

16 And they stood in their place after their manner, according to the law of Moses the man of God: the priests sprinkled the blood, which they received of the hand of the Levites.

17 For there were many in γ congregation γ were not sanctified: therefore the Levites had the charge of the killing of γ passovers, for every one that was not clean, to sanctify them unto the LORD.

18 For a multitude of the people, even many of Ephraim and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the passover otherwise then it was written: but Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good LORD pardon every one.

19 That prepareth his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary.

20 And the LORD hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people.

21 And the children of Israel that were present at Jerusalem, kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: and the Levites, and the priests praised the LORD day by day, singing with loud instruments unto the LORD.

22 And Hezekiah spake comfortably unto all the Levites, γ taught the good knowledge of the LORD: and they did eat throughout the feast, seven days, offering peace-offerings, and making confession to γ LORD God of their fathers.

23 And the whole assembly took counsel to keep other seven days: and they kept other seven days with gladness.

24 For Hezekiah king of Judah did give to the congregation a thousand bullocks, and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the congregation a thousand bullocks, and ten thousand sheep; and a great number of priests sanctified themselves.

25 And all the congregation of Judah, & the priests and the Levites, and all the congregation γ came out of Israel, and the strangers that came out of γ land of Israel, & that dwell in Judah, rejoiced.

26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel, there was not the like in Jerusalem.

27 ¶ Then the priests the Levites arose, and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy dwelling place, even unto heaven.

1 The people is forward in destroying idolatry: γ In offerings and tithes. 20 The sincerity of Hezekiah.

NOW when all this was finished, all Israel γ were present, went out to γ cities of Judah, and brake the images in pieces, and cut down the groves, and threw down the high places & the altars out of all Judah & Benjamin in Ephraim also and Manasseh, until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned every man to his possession into their own cities.

2 ¶ And Hezekiah appointed the courses of the priests and the Levites after their courses, every man according to his service, the priests & Levites for burnt-offerings, and for peace-offerings, to minister and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the tents of the LORD.

3 He appointed also to the kings portion of his substance, for the burnt-offerings, to wit, for the morning and evening burnt-offerings, and the burnt-offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as it is written in the law of the LORD.

4 Moreover, he commanded γ people γ dwelt in Jerusalem, to give γ portion of the priests, & the Levites, γ they might be encouraged in the law of the LORD.

5 ¶ And as soon as the commandments came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first-fruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field, & the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly.

6 And concerning the children of Israel & Judah, γ dwell in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithes of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of holy things, which were consecrated unto the LORD their God, and laid them by heaps.

7 In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished them in the seventh month.

8 And when Hezekiah, and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed the LORD and his people Israel.

9 Then Hezekiah questioned with the priests & γ Levites concerning γ heaps.

10 And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok, answered him, and said, Since the people began to bring γ offerings into the house of the LORD, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty for the LORD: hath blessed his people; & that which is left, is this great store.

11 ¶ Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare chambers in the house of the LORD; and they prepared them.

12 And brought in the offerings & the tithes, & γ dedicate things faithfully in over γ Cononiah the Levite was ruler, and Shimei his brother was the next.

13 And Jehiel, and Azariah, & Nahath, & Asabel, and Jeremoth, and Jozabab, & Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiab, were overseers under the hand of Cononiah & Shimei his brother, as γ commandment of Hezekiah the king, & Azariah the ruler of the house of God.

14 And Koreb the son of Imnah the Levite, the porter toward the east, was over the first-fruit offerings of God, as

distribute the oblations of the LORD, and the most holy things.

15 And next him were Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests, in their set office, to give to their brethren by courses, as well to the great as to the small.

16 Beside their genealogie of males, from three years old and upward, even unto every one that entred into the house of the LORD, his daily portion for their service in their charges, according to their courses:

17 Both to the genealogie of y priests by the house of their fathers, and the Levites from twenty years old and upward in their charges by their courses:

18 And to the genealogie of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation: for in their set office they sanctified themselves in holiness.

19 Also of the sons of Aaron y priests, which were in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every severall citie, y menthat were expressed by name, to give portions to all the males among the priests, & to all that were reckoned by genealogies, among the Levites.

20 ¶ And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah, and wrought that which was good and right and truth before the LORD his God.

21 And in every work y he began in the service of y house of God, & in the law & in y commandments to seek his God, he did it & all his heart, and prospered.

CHAP. XXXII.

3 Sennacherib invaded Judah. 21 An angel destroyeth the Assyrians. 24 Hezekiah praying in his sickness, God giveth him a sign of recovery. 32 He dying, Manasseh succeedeth.

After these things and the establishment thereof, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entred into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought to win them for himself.

2 And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem;

3 He took counsel with his princes, and his mighty men, to stop the waters of the fountains, which were without the city: and they did help him.

4 So there was gathered much people together, who stoped all the fountains, & the brook that ran through the midst of the land, saying, why should the kings of Assyria come, and finde much water?

5 Also he strengthened himself, & built up all the wall y was broken, & raised it up to y towers, & another wall without, & repaired Millo in the city of David, & made darts and shields in abundance.

6 And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the street of the gate of the city, and spake comfortably to them, saying,

7 Be strong & courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for y king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude y is with him: for there is more with us, then with him.

8 With him is an arm of flesh, but with us the LORD our God, to help

us, and to fight our battels. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

9 ¶ After this did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem (but he himself laid siege against Lachish, and all his power with him) unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto all Judah that were at Jerusalem, saying,

10 Thus saith Sennacherib king of Assyria, whereon do ye trust, that ye abide in the siege in Jerusalem?

11 Doth not Hezekiah persuade you to give over your selves to die by famine and by thirst, saying, The LORD our God shall deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

12 Hath not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places, and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar, and burn incense upon it?

13 Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all the people of other lands? were the gods of the nations of those lands any wayes able to deliver their lands out of mine hands?

14 Who was there among all the gods of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of mine hand, y your God should be able to deliver you out of mine hand?

15 Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much lesse shall your God deliver you out of mine hand?

16 And his servants spake yet more against the LORD God, and against his servant Hezekiah.

17 He wrote also letters to rail on the LORD God of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, As the gods of the nations of other lands have not delivered their people out of mine hand, so shall not the God of Hezekiah deliver his people out of mine hand.

18 Then they cried with a loud voice in the Jews speech unto the people of Jerusalem that were on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them, that they might take the city.

19 And they spake against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth which were the work of the hands of man.

20 For this cause Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven.

21 ¶ And the LORD sent an angel to cut off all the mighty men of valour, & the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria: so he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels, slew him there with the sword.

22 Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all others, and guided them on every side.

23 And many brought gifts unto the LORD

LORD to Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah: so that he was magnified in the sight of all nations, from thenceforth.

24 ¶ In those days Hezekiah was sick to death, & prayed unto the LORD: and he spake unto him, & he gave him a signe.

25 But Hezekiah rendred not again, according to the benefit done unto him: for his heart was lifted up; therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem.

26 Notwithstanding, Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart (for he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem) so that the wrath of the LORD came not upon them in the dayes of Hezekiah.

27 ¶ And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honour: and he made himself treasures for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of pleasant jewels;

28 Store-houses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, & cores for flocks.

29 Moreover, he provided him cities, and possessions of flocks, and herds in abundance: for God had given him substance very much.

30 This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper water-course of Gihon, and brought it straight down to the west-side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works.

31 ¶ Howbeit, in the businesse of the embassadours of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to enquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God left him to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart.

32 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his goodnesse, behold, they are written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, and in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

33 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the chiefest of the sepulchres of the sons of David: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honour at his death: and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 *Manasseh his wicked reign.* 11 *He is carried into Babylon.* 12 *Upon his prayer he is released.* 20 *Amos succedeth him.* 21 *He being slain by his servants.* 25 *Josiah succedeth.*

Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem:

2 But did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, like unto the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.

3 ¶ For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for Baalim, and made groves, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.

4 Also he built altars in the house of the LORD, whereof the LORD had said, In Jerusalem shall my name be for ever.

5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven, in the two courts of the house of the LORD.

6 And he caused his children to passe through fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, & used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, & with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

7 And he set a carved image (the idol which he had made) in the house of God, of whom God had said to David, and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever.

8 Neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; so they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law, and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses.

9 So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to erre, and to do worse then the heathen, whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel.

10 And the LORD spake to Manasseh, & to his people: but they would not hearken.

11 ¶ Wherefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon.

12 And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, & humbled himself greatly before the LORD his father.

13 And prayed unto him, and he was entreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he was God.

14 Now after this, he built a wall without the city of David, on the west-side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entering in at the fish-gate, and compassed about Ophel, and raised it up a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah.

15 And he took away the strange gods, & the idol out of the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD, and in Jerusalem, and cast them out of the city.

16 And he repaired the altar of the LORD, & sacrificed thereon peace-offerings, & thank-offerings, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel.

17 Nevertheless, the people did sacrifice still in the high places, yet unto the LORD their God only.

18 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel.

19 His prayer also, and how God was entreated of him, and all his sin, and his trespasses, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up groves and graven images before he was humbled: behold, they are written among the sayings of the seers.

20 ¶ So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

21 ¶ Amon was reigned twenty years

old when he began to reign, and reigned **21** *Even to the artificers and builders gave they it, to buy hewen stone, and tim-*
two years in Jerusalem.

22 But he did that which was evil in ber for couplings, & to floor the houses, the sight of the Lord : as did Manasseh which the kings of Judah had destroyed. his father : for Amon sacrificed unto all **23** And the men did the work faithfully, the carved images, which Manasseh his and the overseers of them were Jahath, father had made, and served them ; and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of

23 And humbled not himself before Merari, & Zechariah, and Meshullam, of the LORD, as Manasseh his father had the sons of the Kohathites, to set : for humbled himself ; but Amon trespassed ward ; and others of the Levites, all that more and more. could skill of instruments of Musick.

24 And his servants conspired against him, and slew him in his own house. **25** *Also they were over the bearers of burdens, and were overseers of all that*

25 ¶ But the people of the land slew wrought the work in any manner of all them that had conspired against service : and of the Levites *there were* king Amon, and the people of the land scribes, and officers, and porters. made Josiah his son king in his stead.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 *Josiah his good reign.* **3** *He destroyeth the* **2** *He repaired the temple of the law of the Lord, given by Moses.*
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27 Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thy self before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thy self before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard thee also, saith the LORD.

28 Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again.

29 ¶ Then y^e king sent, & gathered together all y^e elders of Judah & Jerusalem.

30 And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant, that was found in the house of the LORD.

31 And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, & to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes, with all his heart and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book.

32 And he caused all that were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand so. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.

33 And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countreys that pertained to the children of Israel, and made all that were present in Israel to serve, *even* to serve the LORD their God. And all his dayes they departed not from following the LORD, the God of their fathers.

C H A P. XXXV.

1 Josiah keepeth a solemne passover. 20 He provoking Pharaoh Necho is slain at Megiddo. 25 Lamentations for him.

Moreover, Josiah kept a passover unto the LORD in Jerusalem; and they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the first moneth.

2 And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the house of the LORD;

3 And said unto the Levites y^e taught all Israel which were holy unto the LORD, For the holy ark in the house, which Solomon the son of David king of Israel did build; it shall not be a burden upon your shoulders: serve now the LORD your God, and his people Israel,

4 And prepare your selves by the houses of your fathers, after your courses, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son.

5 And stand in y^e holy place according to y^e divisions of the families of the fathers of your brethren the people, & after the division of the families of the Levites.

6 So kill the passover, and sanctifie your selves, and prepare your brethren, that they may do according to the word of the LORD, by the hand of Moses.

7 And Josiah gave to the people, of the flock lambs and kids, all for the passover-offerings, for all that were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bullocks; these were of the kings substance.

8 And his princes gave willingly unto the people, to the priests and to the Levites: Hilkiah, and Zechariah, and Jehiel, rulers of the house of God, gave unto the priests for the passover-offerings, two thousand and six hundred *small cattle*, and three hundred oxen.

9 Conaniah also, and Shemaiah, and Nerthaneel, his brethren, and Habbajah, and Jehiel, and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, gave unto the Levites for passover-offerings, five thousand *small cattle*, and five hundred oxen.

10 So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their courses, according to the kings commandment.

11 And they killed the passover, and y^e priests sprinkled the blood from their hands, and the Levites slayed them.

12 And they removed the burnt-offerings, that they might give according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer unto the LORD, as it is written in the book of Moses; and so did they with the oxen.

13 And they roasted the passover with fire according to the ordinance; but the other holy offerings sold they in pots, and in cauldrons, and in pans, and divided them speedily among all the people.

14 And afterward they made ready for themselves, and for the priests; because the priests the sons of Aaron were busied in offering of burnt-offerings, and the fat untill night; therefore the Levites prepared for themselves and for the priests the sons of Aaron.

15 And the singers the sons of Asaph, were in their place, according to the commandment of David, and Asaph, and Heman, & Jeduthun y^e kings seer; and y^e porters waited at every gate; they might not depart from their service; for their brethren the Levites prepared for them.

16 So all the service of the LORD was prepared the same day, to keep the passover, and to offer burnt-offerings upon the altar of the LORD, according to the commandment of king Josiah.

17 And the children of Israel that were present, kept the passover at y^e time, and y^e feast of unleavened bread seven dayes.

18 And there was no passover like to that kept in Israel, from the dayes of Samuel the prophet, neither did all the kings of Israel keep such a passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel that were present, and y^e inhabitants of Jerusalem.

19 In the eighteenth year of the reigne of Josiah, was this passover kept.

20 ¶ After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Carchemish by Raphraim: and Josiah went out against him.

21 But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? I come not against

thee this day, but against the house wherewith I have war: for God commanded me to make haste: forbear thee from meddling with God, who is with me, that he destroy thee not.

22 Nevertheless Johiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Necho from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo.

23 And the archers shot at king Johiah; and the king said to his servants, Have me away, for I am sore wounded.

24 His servants therefore took him out of that chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had; and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died, and was buried in one of the sepulchres of his fathers: and all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Johiah.

25 ¶ And Jeremiah lamented for Johiah, and all the singing-men and the singing-women spake of Johiah in their lamentations to this day; & made them an ordinance in Israel: and behold, they are written in the lamentations.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Johiah, and his goodnesse, according to y which was written in the law of the LORD.

27 And his deeds first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 *Jehoahaz succeeding, is deposed by Pharaoh. 5 Jehoiachim reigning ill, is carried into Babylon. 9 Jehoiachin succeedeth. 11 Zedekiah's ill reign.*

Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz y son of Josiah, & made him king in his fathers stead in Jerusalem.

2 Jehoahaz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three moneths in Jerusalem.

3 And the king of Egypt put him down at Jerusalem, and condemned the land in an hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold.

4 And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother, king over Judah and Jerusalem, and turned his name to Jehoiachim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.

5 ¶ Jehoiachim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD his God.

6 Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in fetters to carry him to Babylon.

7 Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the vessels of the house of the LORD to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon.

8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiachim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.

9 ¶ Jehoiachin was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three moneths and ten dayes in Jerusalem, and he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD.

10 And when the year was expired, king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of the house of the LORD, and made Zedekiah his brother, king over Judah and Jerusalem.

11 ¶ Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.

12 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD his God, and humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet, speaking from the mouth of the LORD.

13 And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the LORD God of Israel.

14 ¶ Moreover, all y chief of y priests, and the people transgressed very much, after all the abominations of y heathens, and polluted the house of the LORD which he had hallowed in Jerusalem.

15 And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling-place.

16 But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, untill the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy.

17 Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Caldees, who slew their young men with the sword, in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave them all into his hand.

18 And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon.

19 And they burnt the house of God, & brake down the wall of Jerusalem, & burnt all the palaces thereof w fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof.

20 And them that had escaped from the sword, carried he away to Babylon: where they were servants to him and his sons, untill the reign of the kingdom of Persia:

21 To fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, untill the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as the lay desolate, the kept sabbath, to fulfill threescore and ten years.

22 ¶ Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia (that the word of the LORD spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished) the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,

23 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me, and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah: who is there among you of all his people? The LORD his God is with him, and let him go up.

CHAP. I.

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1 *Cyrus his proclamation. 5 The people provide for the return. 7 Cyrus re- stores the vessels of the temple.*

NOW in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, (that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, might be fulfilled) the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,

2 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

3 Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, & let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel (he is the God) & is in Jerusalem.

4 And who so ever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, besides the free-will-offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.

5 ¶ Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites, with all them whose spirit God had raised to go up, to build the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem.

6 And all they that were about them, strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, besides all that was willingly offered.

7 ¶ Also Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the house of the LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house of his gods:

8 Even those did Cyrus king of Persia bring forth by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and numbered them unto Shethbazzar the prince of Judah.

9 And this is the number of them: thirty chargers of gold a thousand chargers of silver, nine and twenty knives,

10 Thirty basons of gold, silver basons of a second sort four hundred and ten, and other vessels a thousand.

11 All the vessels of gold and of silver, were five thousand and four hundred.

All these did Shethbazzar bring up with them of captivity, that were brought up from Babylon unto Jerusalem.

CHAP. II.

1 The number that return. 62 Of the priests that could not shew their pedigree.

NOW these are the children of 9 province that went up out of the captivity, of those which had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon, and came again unto Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his city:

1 Which came with Zerubbabel: Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel,

2 The children of Parosh, two thousand and hundred seventy and two.

3 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two.

4 The children of Arah, seven hundred seventy and five.

5 The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.

6 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

7 The children of Zattu, nine hundred forty and five.

8 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore.

9 The children of Bani, six hundred forty and two.

10 The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and three.

11 The children of Azgad, a thousand two hundred twenty and two.

12 The children of Adonikam, six hundred sixty and six.

13 The children of Bigvai, two thousand fifty and six.

14 The children of Adin, four hundred fifty and four.

15 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.

16 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and three.

17 The children of Jorah, an hundred and twelve.

18 The children of Hashum, two hundred twenty and three.

19 The children of Gibbar, ninety and five.

20 The children of Beth-lehem, an hundred twenty and three.

21 The children of Netophah, fifty and six.

22 The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight.

23 The children of Azmaveth, fourty and two.

24 The children of Kirjath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty and three.

25 The children of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one.

26 The men of Michmas, an hundred twenty and two.

27 The men of Bethel and Ai, two hundred twenty and three.

28 The children of Nebo, fifty & two.

29 The children of Magbith, an hundred fifty and six.

30 The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

31 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.

32 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and five.

33 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five.

34 The children of Senaah, three thousand and six hundred and thirty.

35 ¶ The priests: the children of Jedaiab, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three.

36 The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two.

37 The children of Paltai, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.

The Netthinims.

39 The children of Harim, a thousand and seven teen.

40 ¶ The Levites: the children of Jehush, and Kadmiel, of the children of Hodaviah, seventy and four.

41 ¶ The singers: the children of Asaph, an hundred twenty and eight.

42 ¶ The children of the porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, in all, an hundred thirty and nine.

43 ¶ The Netthinims: the children of Ziba, the children of Hafupha, the children of Tabbaath.

44 The children of Keros, the children of Siaba, the children of Padon,

45 The children of Lebanah, y children of Hagabah, the children of Akkub,

46 The children of Hagab, the children of Shalmi, the children of Hanan,

47 The children of Giddel, y children of Gahar, the children of Reaiah,

48 The children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, the children of Gazzam,

49 The children of Uzza, the children of Paseah, the children of Besai,

50 The children of Asnah, the children of Mehunim, the children of Nephusim,

51 The children of Bakbuk, y children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,

52 The children of Bazluth, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha,

53 The children of Barkos, y children of Sisera, the children of Thamah,

54 The children of Neziah, the children of Haripha.

55 ¶ The children of Solomons servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Peruda,

56 The children of Jaalah, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,

57 The children of Shephariah, the children of Hattil, y children of Pochebeth of Zebaim, the children of Ami.

58 All the Netthinims, and the children of Solomons servants, were three hundred ninety and two.

59 And these were they which went up from Telmelah, Tel-harfa, Cherub, Addan, and Immer: but they could not shew their fathers house, and their seed, whether they were of Israel:

60 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred fifty and two.

61 ¶ And of the children of the priests: the children of Habajah, the children of Koz, the children of Barniabai: (which took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name)

62 These sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogie, but they were not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from y priesthood.

63 And the Tirihatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and with Thummim.

64 ¶ The whole congregation together, was fourtie and two thousand three hundred and threescore:

65 Besides their servants and their maidens, of whom there were seven thou-

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sand three hundred thirty and seven: and there were among them two hundred singing-men, and singing-women.

66 Their horses were seven hundred thirtie and six: their mules, two hundred fourtie and five:

67 Their camels, four hundred thirtie and five: their asses, six thousand seven hundred and twentie.

68 And some of the chief of the fathers, when they came to the house of y Lord which is at Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God to set it up in his place:

69 They gave after their ability, unto the treasure of the work, threescore and one thousand drams of gold, and five thousand pound of silver, and one hundred priests garments.

70 So the priests and the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Netthinims, dwelt in their cities, & all Israel in their cities.

CHAP. III.

1 The altar is built. 4 Offerings frequented. 8 The foundation of the temple.

And when the seventh month was come, & the children of Israel were in y cities, y people gathered themselves together, as one man to Jerusalem.

2 Then stood up Jehua the son of Joazadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt-offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God.

3 And they set the altar upon his bases (for fear was upon them, because of the people of those countreys) and they offered burnt-offerings thereon unto the LORD, even burnt-offerings morning and evening.

4 They kept also y feast of tabernacles, as it is written: & offered y daily burnt-offerings by number, according to y custome, as y duty of everie day required.

5 And afterward offered the continuall burnt-offering, both of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of the LORD, that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a free-will-offering unto the LORD.

6 From y first day of y seventh month began they to offer burnt-offerings unto the Lord: but the foundation of the temple of the Lord was not yet laid.

7 They gave money also unto the masons, and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar-trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa: according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.

8 ¶ Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jehua the son of Joazadak, and the remnant of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; and appointed the Levites, from twentie years old and upward, to set forward the work of the house of the LORD.

9 Then stood Jehua, with his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons

sons of Judah together, to set forward the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their brethren the Levites.

10 And when the builders laid y foundation of the temple of the Lord, they set the priests in their apparel & trumpeters, and the Levites the sons of Asaph, with cymbals to praise the LORD, after the ordinance of David king of Israel.

11 And they sung together by course, in praising & giving thanks unto y Lord; because he is good, for his mercie endureth for ever towards Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised y Lord; because the foundation of y house of the Lord was laid.

12 But many of the priests and Levites, and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice, and many shouted aloud for joy:

13 So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy, from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

CHAP. liiii.

1 The building hindered. 7 The letter to Artaxerxes. 17 His decree.

NOW when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin, heard that the children of the captivity builded the temple unto the LORD God of Israel:

2 Then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chief of the fathers, and said unto them, Let us build with you, for we seek your God, as ye do, and we do sacrifice unto him, since the dayes of Efar-haddon king of Assur, & brought us up hither.

3 But Zerubbabel and Jeshua, and the rest of the chief of the fathers of Israel, said unto them, You have nothing to do w us, to build an house unto our God, but we our selves together will build unto the LORD God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us.

4 Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building,

5 And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the dayes of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

6 And in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they unto him an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

7 ¶ And in the dayes of Artaxerxes wrote Bishlam, Mithridath, Tabeel, & y rest of their companions unto Artaxerxes king of Persia; & the writing of the letter was written in the Syrian tongue, and interpreted in the Syrian tongue.

8 Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king, in this sort:

9 Then wrote Rehum the chancellor, & Shimshai y scribe, & the rest of their companions: the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, y Tarpelites, the Apharhites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Susaneites, y Debavites, and the Elamites,

10 And the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Asnapper brought

over, and set in the cities of Samaria, and the rest that are on this side the river, and at such a time.

11 ¶ This is the copy of the letter that they sent unto him, even unto Artaxerxes the king, Thy servants on this side the river, and at such a time.

12 Be it known unto the king, that the Jews which came up from thee to us, are come unto Jerusalem, building y rebellious & the bad city, & have set up the walls thereof, and joined y foundations.

13 Be it known now unto the king, that if this city be builded, and the walls set up again, then will they not pay toll, tribute, and custom, and so thou shalt endamage the revenue of the kings.

14 Now because we have maintenance from the kings palace, & it was not meet for us to see the kings dishonour, therefore have we sent and certified the king,

15 That search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers: so shalt thou find in the book of the records, & know, that this city is a rebellious city, and hurtfull unto kings and provinces, and that they have moved sedition within the same of old time: for which cause was this city destroyed.

16 We certify the king, that if this citie be builded again, and the walls thereof set up, by this means thou shalt have no portion on this side the river,

17 ¶ Then sent the king an answer unto Rehum the chancellor, and to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their companions that dwell in Samaria, and unto the rest beyond the river, Peace, and at such a time:

18 The letter which ye sent unto us, hath been plainly read before me.

19 And I commanded, and search hath been made, and it is found, that this citie of old time hath made insurrection against kings, and that rebellion and sedition have been made therein.

20 There have been mightie kings also over Jerusalem, & have ruled over all countries beyond the river; and toll, tribute, and custome was payed unto them.

21 Give ye now commandment, to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not builded, until another commandment shall be given from me.

22 Take heed now that ye fail not to do this: why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings?

23 ¶ Now when the copy of king Artaxerxes letter was read before Rehum and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they wnt up in haste to Jerusalem, unto the Jews, and made them to cease by force and power.

24 Then ceased the work of the house of God, which is at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

CHAP. v.

Zerubbabel & Sheshbazzar, set forward the building. 4 The adversaries letter to Darius.

THEN the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that were in Judah and Jerusalem, in the name of the God of Israel, even unto them.

2 Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Sheubriel, and Jehina the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God, which is at Jerusalem: and with them were the prophets of God helping them.

3 ¶ At the same time came to them Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shethar-boznai, and their companions, and said thus unto them, Who hath commanded you to build this house, and to make up this wall?

4 Then said we unto them after this manner, what are the names of the men that make this building?

5 But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, that they could not cause them to cease, till the matter came to Darius: and then they returned answer by letter concerning this matter.

6 ¶ The copy of the letter that Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shethar-boznai, and his companions the Apharsachites, which were on this side the river, sent unto Darius the king:

7 They sent a letter unto him, wherein was written thus; Unto Darius the king, all peace.

8 Be it known unto the king, that we went into the province of Judea, to the house of the great God, which is builded with great stones, and timber is laid in the walls, and this work goeth fast on, and prospereth in their hands.

9 Then asked we those elders, and said unto them thus, Who commanded you to build this house, and to make up these walls?

10 We asked their names also, to certify thee, that we might write the names of the men that were the chief of them.

11 And thus they returned us answer, saying, We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and build the house which was builded these many years ago, and a great king of Israel builded, and set up.

12 But after that our fathers had provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon.

13 But in the first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon, the same king Cyrus made a decree to build this house of God.

14 And the vessels also of gold and silver of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that was in Jerusalem, and brought them into the temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered unto one, whose name was Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor:

15 And said unto him, Take these vessels, go, carry them into the temple that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be builded in his place.

16 Then came the same Sheshbazzar, and laid the foundation of the house of God which is in Jerusalem. And since that time even until now, hath it been in building, and yet it is not finished.

17 Now therefore, if it seem good to the king, let there be search made in the kings treasure-house, whether there be there at Babylon, whether it be so that a decree was made

of Cyrus the king, to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.

CHAP. VI.

1 Darius advances the building. 13 The temple is finished. 16 The feast of the dedication. 19 and of the passover.

Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the rolls, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon.

2 And there was found at Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of the Medes, a roll, and therein was a record thus written:

3 In the first year of Cyrus the king, the same Cyrus the king made a decree concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, Let the house be builded, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid, the height thereof threescore cubites, and the breadth thereof threescore cubites:

4 With three rows of great stones, and a row of new timber: and let the expenses be given out of the kings house.

5 And also let the golden and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, be restored, and brought again unto the temple which is at Jerusalem, everyone to his place, and place them in the house of God.

6 Now therefore, Tatnai, governor beyond the river, Shethar-boznai, and your companions the Apharsachites, which are beyond the river, be ye far from thence:

7 Let the work of this house of God alone, let the governor of the Jews, and the elders of the Jews, build this house of God in his place.

8 Moreover, I make a decree, what ye shall do to the elders of these Jews, for the building of this house of God: that of the kings goods, even of the tribute beyond the river, forthwith expenses be given unto these men, that they be not hindered.

9 And that which they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for the burnt-offerings of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the appointment of the priests which are at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail:

10 That they may offer sacrifices of sweet savours unto the God of heaven, & pray for the life of the king, and of his sons.

11 Also I have made a decree, that whosoever shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house, and being set up, let him be hanged thereon, & let his house be made a dunghill for this.

12 And the God that hath caused his name to dwell there, destroy all kings & people that shall put to their hand, to alter and to destroy this house of God which is at Jerusalem: I Darius have made a decree, let it be done & speed.

13 ¶ Then Tatnai, governor on this side the river, Shethar-boznai, and their companions, according to that which Darius the king had sent, so they did speedily.

14 And the elders of the Jews builded, & they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the

the son of Iddo; and they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.

15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reigns of Darius the king.

16 ¶ And the children of Israel, the priests & the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy,

17 And offered at the dedication of this house of God, an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin-offering for all Israel, twelve hee-goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

18 And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for y service of God, which is at Jerusalem; as it is written in y book of Moses.

19 And the children of the captivity kept the passeover, upon the fourteenth day of the first month.

20 For the priests and the Levites were purified together, all of them were pure, and killed the passeover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.

21 And the children of Israel, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them, from the filthinesse of the heathen of the land, to seek the LORD God of Israel, did eat,

22 And kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for y Lord had made them joyfull, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

CHAP. VII.

1 Ezra goeth to Jerusalem. 21 Artaxerxes his commission to Ezra. 27 Ezra bleisseth God for his favour.

NOW after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah,

The son of Shalum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub,

3 The son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth,

4 The son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzai, the son of Bukki,

5 The son of Abihua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest:

6 This Ezra went up from Babylon, and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him.

7 And there went up some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, & the Levites, & the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, unto Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes king.

8 And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king.

9 For upon the first day of the first month began he to go up from Baby-

lon, and on the first day of the fifth month, came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.

10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek y law of the Lord, & to do in it, & to teach in Israel statutes and judgements.

11 ¶ Now this is the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the priest, the scribe, even a scribe of the words of the commandments of the LORD, and of his statutes to Israel.

12 Artaxerxes king of kings, unto Ezra y priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect peace, & at such a time.

13 I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and of his priests, and Levites in my realm, which are minded of their own free-will to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee.

14 Forasmuch as thou art sent of the king, and of his seven counsellors, to enquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of thy God which is in thine hand:

15 And to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counsellors have freely offered unto the God of Israel, whose habitation is in Jerusalem,

16 And all the silver and gold that thou canst find in all y province of Babylon, with the free-will-offering of y people, & of the priests, offering willingly for y house of their God, which is in Jerusalem.

17 That thou mayest buy speedily with this money, bullocks, rams, lambs, with their meat-offerings, & their drink-offerings, and offer them upon the altar of y house of your God, which is in Jerusalem:

18 And whatsoever shall seem good to thee and to thy brethren, to do with the rest of the silver and gold, that do after the will of your God.

19 The vessels also that are given thee, for y service of y house of thy God, these deliver thou before y God of Jerusalem.

20 And whatsoever more shall be needfull for the house of thy God, which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow it out of the kings treasure-house.

21 And I, even I Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree to all the treasurers which are beyond the river, that whatsoever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you, it be done speedily;

22 Unto an hundred talents of silver, and to an hundred measures of wheat, and to an hundred baths of wine, and to an hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribing how much.

23 Whatsoever is commanded by th God of heaven, let it be diligently done for the house of the God of heaven: for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons?

24 Also we certify you, touching any of the priests & Levites, singers, porters, Nethinims, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawfull to impose toll, tribute, or custom upon them.

25 And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God, that is in thine hand, set magistrates and judges, which may judge all the people that are beyond the river, all such as know the laws of thy God; and teach yet them that know them not.

26 And whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, let judgement be executed speedily upon him, whether it be unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.

27 ¶ Blessed be the LORD God of our fathers, who hath put such a thing as this in the kings heart, to beautify the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem:

28 And hath extended mercy unto me, before the king, & his counsellors, and before all the kings mighty princes: & I was strengthened at the hand of the LORD my God upon me, & I gathered together out of Israel, chief men to go up with me.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *Ezra's companions from Babylon.*

1 He sendeth to Iddo for ministers for the temple. 2 He keepeth a fast.

THESE ARE now the chief of their fathers, and this is the genealogie of them that went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king.

1 Of the sons of Phineas; Gershom: of the sons of Ithamar; Daniel: of the sons of David; Hattai.

3 Of the sons of Shechaniah, of the sons of Pharoah; Zechariah: and with him were reckoned by genealogie of the males, an hundred and fifty.

4 Of the sons of Pahath-moab; Elihoenai the son of Zerahiah, and with him two hundred males.

5 Of the sons of Shechaniah; the son of Jahaziel, & with him three hundred males.

6 Of the sons also of Adin; Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males.

7 And of the sons of Elam; Jehaiiah the son of Athaliah, & with him seventy males.

8 And of the sons of Shephatiah; Zebadiah the son of Michael, and with him four score males.

9 Of the sons of Joab; Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen males.

10 And of the sons of Shelomith; the son of Johphiah, and with him an hundred and threescore males.

11 And of the sons of Bebai; Zechariah the son of Bebai, and with him twenty and eight males.

12 And of the sons of Azgad; Johanan, the son of Hakkaran, and with him an hundred and ten males.

13 And of the last sons of Adonikam, whose names are these, Eliphelet, Jehiel, and Shemaiah, and with them threescore males.

14 Of the sons also of Bigvai; Uthai, & Zabad, and with them seventy males.

15 ¶ And I gathered them together to the river that runneth to Ahava: and there abode we in tents three days: and I viewed the people, and the priests, & found there none of the sons of Levi.

16 Then sent I for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshulam, chief men; also for Jarib, and for Elnathan, men of understanding.

17 And I sent them with commandment unto Iddo the chief, at the place Casiphia, and I told them what they should say unto Iddo, and to his brethren the Netthinims, at the place Casi-

phia, that they should bring unto us ministers for the house of our God.

18 And by the good hand of our God upon us, they brought us a man of understanding, of the sons of Mabili, the son of Levi, the son of Israel, & Sherebiah, with his sons & his brethren, eighteen.

19 And Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiab of the sons of Merari, his brethren and their sons, twenty.

20 Also of the Netthinims, whom David and the princes had appointed for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty Netthinims: all of them were expressed by name.

21 ¶ Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river Ahava, that we might afflict our selves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance.

22 For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of souldiers & horsemen, to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God is upon all them for good. We seek him, but his power and his wrath is against all them who forsake him.

23 So we fasted and besought our God for this, and he was intreated of us.

24 ¶ Then I separated twelve of the chief of the priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with them,

25 And weighed unto them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, even the offering of the house of our God, & the king, and his counsellors, and his lords, and all Israel there present, had offered.

26 I even weighed unto their hand, six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels an hundred talents, and of gold an hundred talents:

27 Also twenty basins of gold, of a thousand drams, and two vessels of fine copper, precious as gold.

28 And I said unto them, Ye are holy unto the LORD, the vessels are holy also, and the silver, and the gold are a free-will-offering unto the LORD God of your fathers.

29 Watch ye, and keep them, until ye weigh them before the chief of the priests, and the Levites, and chief of the fathers of Israel at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of the LORD.

30 So took the priests and the Levites, the weight of the silver and the gold, and the vessels, to bring them to Jerusalem unto the house of our God.

31 ¶ Then we departed from the river of Ahava, on the twelfth day of the first month, to go unto Jerusalem: and the hand of our God was upon us, & he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way.

32 And we came to Jerusalem, and abode there three days.

33 ¶ Now on the fourth day was the silver and the gold, and the vessels weighed in the house of our God, by the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest, and with him was Eleazar the son of Phineas, and with them was Jozabad the son of Jehuza, and Noadiah the son of Binnai, Levites.

34 By number & by weight of every one, and all the weight was written in a

35 *Alfor* the children of those that had land unto which ye go to possess it, is as been carried away which were come out of a clean land with the filthiness of the of the captivity, offered burnt-offerings people of the lands, with their abominations unto the God of Israel, twelve bullocks, rams, which have filled it from one end for all Israel, ninety and six rams, set to another, with their uncleanness.

36 *¶* And they delivered the kings their peace, or their wealth for ever; commissions unto the kings lieutenants, that ye may be strong, and eat the good and to the governors on this side the of the land, and leave it for an inheritance, and they furthered the people, tance to your children for ever.

37 *¶* And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, & for our great trespass, seeing y^ethou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and hast given us such deliverance as this:

38 *¶* Now when these things were done, y^e should we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with people of Israel, and the priests, and the people of these abominations? Levites have not separated themselves from thee, neither thou be angry with us still from y^e people of y^e lands, doing according to thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no remnant more escaping?

39 *¶* LORD God of Israel, thou art the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites: it is this day: behold, we are before thee in our trespasses: for we cannot stand before thee, because of this.

40 *¶* For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of those lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass.

41 *¶* And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head, and of my beard, and sat down astonished.

42 *¶* Then were assembled unto me every one y^e trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of those that had been carried away, and I sat astonished until the evening sacrifice.

43 *¶* And at the evening sacrifice, I arose up from my heaviness, and having rent my garment, and my mantle, I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto the LORD my God.

44 *¶* And said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens.

45 *¶* Since the days of our fathers, have we been in a great trespass unto this day, and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of y^e lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, & to confusion of face, as it is this day.

46 *¶* And now for a little space grace hath been shewed from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage.

47 *¶* For we were bondmen, yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in y^e sight of y^e kings of Persia, to give us a reviving to set up the house of our God, and to repair the desolations thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.

48 *¶* And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments,

49 *¶* which thou hast commanded by thy servants the prophets, saying, The

50 *¶* Shechaniah encourageth Ezra to reform the strange marriages. y^e The people repents and promises amendment.

51 *¶* Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel, a very great congregation of men, and women, and children: for the people wept very sore.

52 *¶* And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, we have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives, of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing.

53 *¶* Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God, to put away all the wives, & such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at y^e commandment of our God, and let it be done according to the law.

54 *¶* Arise, for this matter belongeth unto thee; we also will be with thee: be of good courage, and do it.

55 *¶* Then arose Ezra, and made the chief priests, the Levites, and all Israel to swear, that they should do according to this word: and they swore.

56 *¶* Then Ezra arose up from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Johanan the son of Eliashib: and when he came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink water: for he mourned because of the transgression of them that had been carried away.

57 *¶* And they made proclamation throughout Judah & Jerusalem, unto all y^e children of y^e captivity, y^e they should gather themselves together unto Jerusalem;

58 *¶* And that whosoever would not come within three days, according to the counsel of the princes, and the elders, all his substance should be forfeited, and himself separated from y^e congregation of those that had been carried away.

59 *¶* Then all y^e men of Judah & Ben-

min gathered themselves together unto Jerusalem, within three dayes: it was *y* ninth moneth, on *y* twentieth day of the moneth, & all the people sat in *y* street of the house of God, trembling because of *y* this matter, and for the great rain.

10 And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and have taken strange wives to increase the trespass of Israel.

11 Now therefore make confession unto the Lord God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives.

12 Then all the congregation answered, and said with a loud voice, As thou hast said, so must we do:

13 But the people are many, and it is a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand without, neither is this a work of one day or two: for we are many that have transgressed in this thing.

14 Let now our rulers of all the congregation stand, and let all them which have taken strange wives in our cities, come at appointed times, & with them the elders of every city, and the judges thereof, untill the fierce wrath of our God for this matter, be turned from us.

15 ¶ Onely Jonathan *y* son of Afabel, and Jahaziah *y* son of Tikyah, were employed about this matter: & Meshullam, & Shabbethai the Levite helped them.

16 And the children of the captivity did so: and Ezra the priest, with certain chief of the fathers, after the house of their fathers, and all of them by their names were separated, and sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter.

17 And they made an end with all the men that had taken strange wives, by the first day of the first month.

18 ¶ And among *y* sons of the priests, there were found that had taken strange wives: namely, of the sons of Ieshua the son of Jozadak, & his brethren; Maasiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah.

19 And they gave their hands, that they would put away their wives; and being guilty, they offered a ram of the flock for their trespass.

20 And of the sons of Immer; Hanani, and Zebadiah.

21 And of the sons of Harim; Meshiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uzziab.

22 And of the sons of Pashur; Elioenai, Maasiah, Ishmael, Netbanel, Jozabad, and Elafah.

23 Also of the Levites; Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah, (the same is Keliath) Pethabiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

24 Of the singers also; Eliashib: and of the porters; Shallum, & Telem, and Uri.

25 Moreover, of Israel: of the sons of Paroth; Ramiab, and Jesiah, and Malchiah, and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah.

26 And of the sons of Elam; Martaniah, Zechariah, and Jchiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Eliah.

27 And of the sons of Zattu; Elioenai, Eliashib, Martaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabab, and Aziza.

28 Of the sons also of Bebai; Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, and Arhiai.

29 And of the sons of Bani; Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiab, Jaihub, and Sheal, and Ramoth.

30 And of *y* sons of Pahath-moab; Adna, and Chelai, Benaiah, Maasiah, Martaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, & Manasseh.

31 And of the sons of Harim; Eliezer, Ithijah, Malchiah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,

32 Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemariah.

33 Of the sons of Haiham; Mattaniah, Mattatha, Zabab, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shimei.

34 Of the sons of Bani; Maadai, Amram, and Uel.

35 Benaiah, Bedajah, Chelluh,

36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,

37 Mattaniah, Matrenai, and Jaasau,

38 And Bani, and Binnui, Shimei,

39 And Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiab.

40 Machnadebai, Shalhabai, Shatrai,

41 Azareel, & Shelemiah, Shemariah,

42 Shallum, Amariah, and Joseph.

43 Of *y* sons of Nebo; Jehiel, Mattithiah,

Zabad, Zebina, Jadan, & Joel, Benaiah.

44 All these had taken strange wives: and some of them had wives by whom they had children.

The book of NEHEMIAH.

CHAP. I.

1 Nehemiah understanding by Hanani the misery of Jerusalem, mourneth, fasteth, and prayeth. 5 His prayer.

THe words of Nehemiah *y* son of Hachabiah. And it came to pass in *y* month Chisleu, in *y* twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace,

2 That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah, and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.

3 And they said unto me, The remnant *y* are left of *y* captivity there in *y* province, are in great affliction & reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, & the gates thereof are burnt with fire.

4 ¶ And it came to pass when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain dayes, and fasted,

and prayed before the God of heaven, 5 And said, I beseech thee, O Lord God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercie for them that love him and observe his commandments:

6 Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now. day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confesse the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I, and my fathers house have sinned.

7 We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments nor *y* statutes nor *y* judgements, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses.

8 Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, If ye transgress, I will scatter

scatter you abroad among the nations: Jerusalem? neither was there any beast
 9 But if ye turn unto me, and keep my with me, save y^e beast that I rode upon.
 commandments, and do them; though 13 And I went out by night, by the
 there were of you cast out unto the ut- gate of the valley, even before the dra-
 termost part of the heaven, yet will I go well, and to the dung-port, and
 gather them from thence, and will view the walls of Jerusalem, which
 bring them unto the place that I have were broken down, and the gates there-
 chosen to set my name there. of were consumed with fire.

10 Now these are thy servants, and thy 14 Then I went on to the gate of the
 people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy fountain, and to the kings pool: but
 great power, and by thy strong hand. there was no place for the beast that

11 O LORD, I beseech thee, let now 15 Then went I up in the night by
 thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, & to the prayer of thy ser-
 vant, who desire to fear thy name: and turned back, and entered by the gate of
 prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this the valley, and so returned.

day, & grant him mercy in the sight of 16 And the rulers knew not whither
 this man. For I was y^e kings cup-bearer. I went, or what I did: neither had I as
 yet told it to the Jews, nor to the

CHAP. II.

1 As taxerxes under standing the cause of priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the ru-
 Nehemiah's sadness, sendeth him with letters, nor to the rest that did the work.
 letters and commission to Jerusalem. 17 ¶ Then said I unto them, Ye felt

And it came to passe in the moneth the distress that we are in, how Jerusa-
 Nisan, in the twentieth year of Ar- lem lieth waste, and the gates thereof
 taxerxes the king, that wine was before are burnt with fire: come and let us
 him: and I took up the wine, and gave build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we
 it unto the king: now I had not been before no more a reproach.
 before time sad in his presence.

18 Then I told them of the hand of 19 But when Sanballat the Horonite
 2 wherefore y^e king said unto me, Why my God which was good upon me; as
 thy countenance sad, seeing thou art also for the kings words: that he had spoken
 nor thick? this is nothing else but sorrow unto me. And they said, Let us rise up
 of heart. Then I was very sore afraid, and build. so they strengthened their
 3 And said unto the king, Let the king hands for this good work.

live for ever: why should not my counte- 19 But when Sanballat the Horonite
 nance be sad, when the city, the place of and Tobiah the servant the Ammonite,
 my fathers sepulchres lieth waste, & the and Geshem the Arabian heard it, they
 gates thereof are consumed with fire? laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and

4 Then the king said unto me, For said, what is this thing that ye do? will
 what dost thou make request? So I ye rebell against the king?
 prayed to the God of heaven.

5 And I said unto the king, If it please 20 Then answered I them, and said
 unto them, The God of heaven, he will
 the king, and if thy servant have found prosperus, therefore we his servants will
 favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest arise & build: but you have no portions
 send me unto Judah unto the city of my nor right, nor memorial in Jerusalem.
 fathers sepulchres, that I may build it.

CHAP. III.

6 And the king said unto me, (the 21 The names and order of them that
 queen also sitting by him) For how builded the wall.
 long shall thy journey be? and when
 wilt thou return? So it pleased the king
 to send me, and I set him a time.

7 Moreover, I said unto the king, If it 22 Then Jiahiah the high priest rose up
 please y^e king, let letters be given me to y^e with his brethren the priests, and
 pleases beyond y^e river, y^e they may it, they build the sheep-gate, they sancti-
 convey me over till I come into Judah; fied it, and set up the doors of it; even
 unto the tower of Meah they sanctified
 it, unto the tower of Hananeel.

8 And a letter unto Asaph the keeper 23 And next unto him builded the
 men of Jericho: and next to them
 of the kings forest, that he may give builded Zaccur the son of Imri.
 me timber to make beams for the gates 3 But the fifth-gate did the sons of Hama-
 of the palace which appertained to the senah build, who also laid the beams
 house, and for the wall of the city, and thereof, and set up the doors thereof,
 for the house that I shall enter into: and the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.
 the king granted me, according to the 4 And next unto them repaired Meri-
 good hand of my God upon me.

9 ¶ Then I came to the governors be- 5 And next unto them repaired Meri-
 yond the river, and gave them the kings moth the son of Uriah, the son of Koz
 letters: (now the king had sent captains and next unto them repaired Meshul-
 of the army, and horsemen with me) lam the son of Berechiah, the son of
 Melchizebel: and next unto them re-
 paired Zadok the son of Baana.

10 When Sanballat the Horonite, 6 And next unto them the Tekoites
 and Tobiah the servant the Ammonite, repaired; but their nobles put not their
 heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly necks to the work of their Lord.
 that there was come a man to seek the
 welfare of the children of Israel.

11 So I came to Jerusalem, and was 7 And next unto them repaired Me-
 there three days.

12 ¶ And I arose in the night, I & some 8 And next unto them repaired Me-
 few men & me, neither told I any man
 what God had put in my heart to do at Jerich the Gibeonites and Jaddai the

The repairers.

Nehemiah.

The enemy scoffeth.

Meremoth, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, unto the throne of the government on this side the river.

8 Next unto him repaired Uzziel the son of Harbailah, of the gold-smiths: next unto him also repaired Hananiah, the son of one of the apothecaries, and they fortified Jerusalem unto the broad wall.

9 And next unto them repaired Rephaiah the son of Hur, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem.

10 And next unto them repaired Jedaiiah the son of Harumaph, even over against his house: and next unto him repaired Harub the son of Halhabiah.

11 Malchijah the son of Harim, and Halhub the son of Pahath-moah, repaired another piece, & the tower of the furnaces.

12 And next unto him repaired Shallum the son of Halloeth, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem, he and his daughters.

13 The valley-gate repaired Hanan, & the inhabitants of Zanoah, they built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, & the bars thereof, and a thousand cubits on the wall unto the dung-gate.

14 But the dung-gate repaired Malchiah the son of Rechab, the ruler of part of Beth-haccerem: he built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

15 But the gate of the fountain repaired Shallum the son of Col-hozeh, the ruler of part of Mizpah: he built it, and covered it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and the wall of the pool of Siloah by the king's garden, and unto the stairs that go down from the city of David.

16 After him repaired Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler of the half part of Beth-zur, unto the place over against the sepulchres of David, and to the pool that was made, & unto the house of the mighty.

17 After him repaired the Levites, Rehun the son of Bani: next unto him repaired Halhabiah the ruler of the half part of Keilah, in his part.

18 After him repaired their brethren, Bayai the son of Henadad, the ruler of the half part of Keilah.

19 And next unto him repaired Ezer the son of Jehuiah, the ruler of Mizpah, another piece over against the going up to the armory at the turning of the wall.

20 After him Barnuch the son of Zabbai, earnestly repaired the other piece, from the turning of the wall unto the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest.

21 After him repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz, another piece, from the door of the house of Eliashib, even to the end of the house of Eliashib.

22 And after him repaired the priests, the men of the plain.

23 After him repaired Benjamin, and Athub, over against their house: after him repaired Azariah the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ananiah by his house.

24 After him repaired Binnui the son of Henadad, another piece from the house of Azariah, unto the turning of the wall, even unto the corner.

25 Palal the son of Uzai, over against the turning of the wall, and the tower which looketh out from the king's high

house, was by the court of the prison: after him, Pedaiah the son of Parosh.

26 Moreover, the Nerthinims dwelt in Ophel, unto the place over against the water-gate toward the east, and the tower that lieth out.

27 After them the Tekoites repaired another piece, over against the great tower that lieth out, even unto the wall of Ophel.

28 From above the horse-gate repaired the priests, every one over against his house.

29 After them repaired Zadok the son of Immer, over against his house: after him repaired also Shemaiah, the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the east-gate.

30 After him repaired Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, another piece: after him repaired Melchiam the son of Berechiah, over against his chamber.

31 After him repaired Malchiah, the gold-smiths son, unto the place of the Nerthinims, and of the merchants, over against the gate Miphkad, and to the going up of the corner.

32 And between the going up of the corner unto the sheep-gate, repaired the gold-smiths and the merchants.

CHAP. IIII.

1 While the enemies scoff, Nehemiah prayeth. 7 Understanding their wrath and secret, he setteth a watch.

BUT it came to passe, that when Sallathar heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews.

2 And he spake to his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, what do these feeble Jews? will they fortifie themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish, which are burnt?

3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall.

4 Hear, O our God, for we are despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity:

5 And cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked thee to anger before the builders.

6 So built we the wall: and all the wall was joyned together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

7 ¶ But it came to passe that when Sallathar and Tobiah, and the Arabians, & the Ammonites, & the Ahddodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth.

8 And conspired all of them together, to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it.

9 Nevertheless, we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.

10 And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish, so that we are not able to build the wall.

11 And our adversaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till we come

in the midst among them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease.

12 And it came to passe when *y* Jews dwelt by them, came, they said unto us ten times, From all places, whences ye shall return unto us, they will be upon you.

13 ¶ Therefore set I in *y* lower places behinde *y* wall, & on *y* higher places, I even set *y* people after their families & their swords, their spears, & their bows.

14 And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the LORD which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your houses.

15 And it came to passe when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God, hath brought their counsel to nought, that we returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work.

16 And it came to passe from that time forth, *y* the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons: & the rulers were behinde all *y* house of Judah.

17 They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon.

18 For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded: and he *y* sounded *y* trumpet was by me.

19 ¶ And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work is great & large, & we are separated upon *y* wall, one far from another.

20 In what place therefore ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us.

21 So we laboured in the work: and half of them held the spears, from the rising of the morning, till the stars appeared.

22 Likewise at the same time said I unto the people, Let every one with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and labour on the day.

23 So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, none of us put off our clothes, saying that every one put them off for washing.

CHAP. V.

1 The Jews complain of their debt, mortgage and bondage. 6 Nehemiah causeth restitution. 14 He forbearsh his own allowance, and keepeth hospitality.

And there was a great cry of the people, and of their wives, against their brethren the Jews.

2 For there were that said, We, our sons, and our daughters are many: therefore we take up corn for them, that we may eat, and live.

3 Some also there were that said, We have mortgaged our lands, vineyards, and houses, that we might buy corn, because of the dearth.

4 There were also that said, We have borrowed money for the kings tribute, and that upon our lands and vineyards.

5 Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of

our brethren, our children as their children: and lo, we bring in bondage our sons and our daughters, to be for servants, and some of our daughters are brought unto bondage *afready*, neither is it in our power to redeem them: for other men have our lands and vineyards.

6 ¶ And I was very angry when I heard their cry, and these words.

7 Then I consulted with my self, and I rebuked the nobles, and the rulers, and said unto them, You exact usury, every one of his brother. And I set a great assembly against them.

8 And I said unto them, We, after our ability, have redeemed our brethren the Jews, which were sold unto the heathens: and will you even sell your brethren? or shall they be sold unto us? Then held they their peace, & found nothing to answer.

9 Also I said, It is not good that ye do: ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God, because of the reproach of the heathen our enemies?

10 I likewise, and my brethren, and my servants, might exact of them money and corn: I pray you let us leave off this usury.

11 Restore, I pray you to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their olive-yards, & their houses, also the hundredth part of *y* money, & of *y* corn, the wine, and the oil, that ye exact of them.

12 Then said they, we will restore them, & will require nothing of them: so will we do as thou sayest. Then I called the priests, and took an oath of them, *y* they should do according to this promise.

13 Also I shook my lap, & said, So God shake our every man from his house, and from his labour, that performe not this promise, even thus be he shaken out, and emptied. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the LORD. And the people did according to this promise.

14 ¶ Moreover, from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year, even unto the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that is, twelve years, and my brethren have not eaten the bread of the governor.

15 But the former governors that had been before me, were chargeable unto the people, and had taken of them bread and wine, beside fourty shekels of silver, yea even their servants bare rule over the people: but so did not I, because of the fear of God.

16 Yet, also I continued in the work of this wall, neither bought we any land: and all my servants were gathered thither unto the work.

17 Moreover, there were at my table an hundred and fifty of the Jews and rulers, besides those that came unto us from among the heathen that are about us.

18 Now that which was prepared for me daily, was one ox, and six choice sheep: also fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine: yet for all this required not I the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy upon this people.

19 Think upon me, my God, for good, according to all that I have done for this people.

CHAP. VI.

1 Sanballat praefisse to terrify Nehemiah. 17 Severe intelligence between the enemies and the nobles of Judah.

Now it came to passe, when Sanballat, & Tobiah, & Gelhem the Arabian, & the rest of our enemies heard y^e I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein: though at that time I had nor set up the doors upon y^e gates. 2 That Sanballat, and Gelhem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono: but they thought to do me mischief.

3 And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, while I leave it and come down to you?

4 Yet they sent unto me four times after his sort: and I answered them after the same manner.

5 Then sent Sanballat his servant unto me, in like manner, the sixth time, with an open letter in his hand:

6 Wherein was written: it is reported among the heathen, and Gashmu saith it, that thou and the Jews think to rebel: for which cause thou buildest the wall, that thou mayest be their king, according to these words.

7 And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jerusalem, saying, There is a king in Judah: and now but the people were few therein, and shall it be reported to the king, according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together.

8 Then I sent unto him, saying, There are no such things done as thou sayest, but y^e genealogie of them which came up, thou feignest them out of thine own heart.

9 For they all made us afraid, saying, at the first, and found written therein, Their hands shall be weakened from the fore, O God, strengthen my hands.

10 Afterward I came unto the house of Shebiah the son of Delaiah, the son carried away, & came again to Jerusalem, of Mehetabel, who was shut up; and he heard to Judah, every one unto his city: I said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple; for theyni, Mordetai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, will come to slay thee, yea in the night. Nehum, Banaiah; the numbers, say, of the men of the people of Israel, was this:

11 And I said, should such a man as I see? and who is there, that being as I am, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in.

12 And lo, I perceived that God had not sent him, but that he pronounced this prophetic against me: for Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

13 Therefore was he hired, that I should be afraid: and do so, and sin, and that they might have matter for an evil report, that they might reproach me.

14 My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat, according to these their works, and on the prophetesse Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.

15 So the wall was finished, in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two dayes.

16 And it came to passe that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in

their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.

17 Moreover, in those dayes y^e nobles of Judah sent many letters unto Tobiah, & the letters of Tobiah came unto them.

18 For there were many in Judah, as of Sheshbazzar the son of Arah, and his son Iohanan had taken the daughter of Melchiam, the son of Berechiah.

19 Also they reported his good deeds in before me, and uttered my words to him: & Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.

CHAP. VII.

Nehemiah giveth the charge of Jerusalem to Hanani and Hananiah. 7 Their genealogies. 70 Their tribulations.

Now it came to passe when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters and the singers, and the Levites were appointed,

1 That I gave my brother Hanani, and over Jerusalem: (for he was a faithful man, and feared God above many)

2 And I said unto them, Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened, until the sun be hot: and while they stand by, let them shut the doors, and bar them: and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, every one in his ward, and every one to be over against his house.

3 Now the city was large and great, saying, There is a king in Judah: and now but the people were few therein, and the houses were not builded.

4 And my God put into mine heart, to gather together the nobles, & the rulers, & the people, y^e they might be reckoned

of those y^e had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar y^e king of Babylon had carried away, & came again to Jerusalem, of Mehetabel, who was shut up; and he heard to Judah, every one unto his city:

5 Who came with Zerubbabel: Jeshua of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple; for theyni, Mordetai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, will come to slay thee, yea in the night. Nehum, Banaiah; the numbers, say, of the men of the people of Israel, was this:

6 The children of Paroth, two thousand; the children of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy and two.

7 The children of Arah, six hundred and twenty.

8 The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua & Joab, two thousand and eight hundred and eighteen.

9 The children of Elam, a thousand and two hundred and fifty and four.

10 The children of Zattu, eight hundred and forty and five.

11 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore.

12 The children of Binnui, six hundred and forty and eight.

13 The children of Bebai, six hundred and twenty and eight.

14 The children of Azbadi, two hundred and twenty and two.

15 The children of Adonikam, six hundred and threescore and seven.

16 The children of Bigvai, two hundred and twenty and two.

thousand three score and seven.

50 The children of Adin, six hundred fifty and five.

51 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.

52 The children of Halhum, three hundred twenty and eight.

53 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and four.

54 The children of Hariph, an hundred and twelve.

55 The children of Gibeon, ninety & five.

56 The men of Beth-lehem and Netophah, an hundred four score and eight.

57 The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight.

58 The men of Beth-azmaveth, forty and two.

59 The men of Kiriath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty and three.

60 The men of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one.

61 The men of Michmash, an hundred and twenty and two.

62 The men of Beth-el and Ai, an hundred twenty and three.

63 The men of other Nebo, fifty & two.

64 The children of the other Eiam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

65 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.

66 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five.

67 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and one.

68 The children of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.

69 ¶ The priests: the children of Jeeiah, of the house of Jehua, nine hundred seventy and three.

70 The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two.

71 The children of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.

72 The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.

73 ¶ The Levites: the children of Jehua, of Kadmiel, and of the children of Hodeyah, seventy and four.

74 ¶ The singers: the children of Asaph, an hundred fourtie and eight.

75 ¶ The porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub,

the children of Harai, the children of Shobai, an hundred thirty and eight.

76 ¶ The Nethinims: the children of Ziba, the children of Hahupha, the children of Tabaoth,

77 The children of Keros, the children of Sia, the children of Paton.

78 The children of Lebana, & children of Hagaba, the children of Shalmat,

79 The children of Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gabar,

80 The children of Reaiah, the children of Nezin, the children of Nehoda,

81 The children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the children of Phaeah,

82 The children of Hesai, the children of Meunin, the children of Nephtelim,

83 The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hahupha, the children of Harhur,

84 The children of Bazlith, the children of Mehida, the children of Elatha,

the children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Tamah,

the children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.

¶ The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Perida,

the children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,

the children of Shepharlah, & children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of Amon.

¶ All the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants, were three hundred ninety and two.

¶ And these were they which went up also from Tel-melah, Tel-haretha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer: but they could not shew their fathers' house, nor their seed, whether they were of Israel:

¶ The children of Delaiah, the children of Tolai, the children of Nekodas, six hundred forty and two.

¶ And of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai, which took one of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to wife, and was called after their name.

¶ These sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogie, but it was not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.

¶ And the Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and Thummim.

¶ ¶ The whole congregation together, was fourty and two thousand three hundred and three score.

¶ Beside their man-servants and their maid-servants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty & seven: and they had two hundred forty and five singing-men and singing-women.

¶ Their horses seven hundred thirty and six: their mules, two hundred forty and five:

¶ Their camels, four hundred thirty and five: six thousand seven hundred and twenty asses.

¶ ¶ And some of the chief of the fathers gave unto the work: the Tirshatha gave to the treasure a thousand drams of gold, fifty basons, five hundred and thirty priests garments:

¶ And some of the chief of the fathers gave to the treasure of the work, twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand and two hundred pound of silver.

¶ And that which the rest of the people gave, was twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand pound of silver, & three score & seven priests garments.

¶ So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters, and the singers, and some of the people, and the Nethinims, and all Israel, dwell in their cities; and when the seventh month came, the children of Israel were in their cities.

CHAP. VIII.

The religious manner of reading and hearing the law. 16 The feast of tabernacles.

¶ And all the people gathered themselves together as one man, into the street that was before the water-gate, and they spake

spake unto Ezra the scribe, to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded to Israel.

2 And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation, both of men and women: and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month.

3 And he read therein before the street that was before the water-gate, from the morning untill midday, before the men and the women: and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law.

4 And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood, & they had made for the purpose, and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Sheneiah, and Anaiab, and Urijah, & Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Petaiah, & Mihael, and Malchiah, and Ha'hum, and Halbadana, Zechariah, and Melchiam.

5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people: (for he was above all the people) and when he opened it, all the people stood up:

6 And Ezra blessed the Lord the great God: and all the people answered, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the Lord, with their faces to the ground.

7 Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Amin, Akkub, Shabberhai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Yozabad, Hanan, Petaiah, and the Levites caused the people to understand the law: and the people stood in their place.

8 So they read in the book, in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.

9 ¶ And Nehemiah which is the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto the Lord your God, mourn not nor weep: for all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law.

10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

11 So the Levites filled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day is holy, neither be ye grieved.

12 And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.

13 ¶ And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the law.

14 And they found written in the law, & the Lord had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths, in the feast of the seventh month:

15 And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive-branches, and pine-branches, and myrtle-branches, and palm-branches, and branches of thick trees,

to make booths, as it is written.

16 ¶ So the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the water-gate, and in the street of the gate of Ephraim.

17 And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity, made booths, and sat under the booths: for since the dayes of Jeshua the son of Nun, unto that day, had not the children of Israel done so: and there was very great gladness.

18 Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God: and they kept the feast seven dayes, & on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according unto the manner.

CHAP. IX.

1 A solemn fast, and repentance of the people. 4 The Levites profess their goodness, and their wickedness.

NOW in the twenty and fourth day of this month, the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and earth upon them.

2 And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.

3 And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the Lord their God, one fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed and worshipped the Lord their God.

4 ¶ Then stood up upon the stairs the Levites, Jeshua and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani, and cried with a loud voice unto the Lord their God.

5 Then the Levites, Jeshua and Kadmiel, Bani, Halbaniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, and Pethabiah, said, Stand up and bless the Lord your God for ever and ever: and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

6 Thou, O thou art Lord alone, thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens with all their host, the earth & all things that are therein, the seas and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all, and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

7 Thou art the Lord the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees; and gavest him the name of Abraham:

8 And foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with him, to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgathites, to give it I say, to his seed, and hast performed thy words, for thou art righteous.

9 And didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardest their cry by the Red-sea,

10 And thou leddest thy people out of Egypt, and thou broughtest them into the land which thou swore unto our fathers, saying, I will give it unto thee, and thou broughtest them into the land which thou saidst unto thy servants, saying, I will give it unto thee, and thou broughtest them into the land which thou saidst unto thy servants, saying, I will give it unto thee, and thou broughtest them into the land which thou saidst unto thy servants, saying, I will give it unto thee.

11 And thou didst divide the sea

see them, so that they were through the prophets which testified against them to
midst of the sea on the dry land, and turn them to thee, and they wrought
their persecutors thou threwest into the great provocations.

deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters. 17 Therefore thou deliveredst them

11 Moreover, thou leddest them in the into the hand of their enemies, who vexed
day by a cloudy pillar; and in the night them; and in the time of their trouble
by a pillar of fire, to give them light in when they cried unto thee, thou heardest
the way wherein they should go. them from heaven; and according to thy

12 Thou canstest down also upon mount manifold mercies, thou gavest them sa-
linal, & savest with them from heaven, viours, who saved them out of the hand
& gavest them right judgements, & true of their enemies.

laws, good statutes and commandments: 18 But after they had rest, they did
14 And made it known unto them thy evil again before thee: therefore leste
holy sabbath, and commandedst them thou them in the hand of their enemies,
precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand so that they had the dominion over them:
of Moses thy servant: yet when they returned and cried unto

15 And gavest them bread from heaven, thee, thou heardest them from heaven,
for their hunger, and broughtest forth and many times didst thou deliver them,
water for them out of the rock, for their according to thy mercies:

thirst, and promisedst them that they 29 And testifiedst against them, that
should go in to possess the land, which thou mightest bring them again unto thy
thou hadst sworn to give them. law: yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened

16 But they and our fathers dealt not unto thy commandments, but
proudly, and hardened their necks, and sinned against thy judgements (which if
hearkened not to thy commandments, a man do, he shall live in them) and

17 And refused to obey, neither were withdrew the shoulder, and hardened
mindefull of the wonders that thou didst their neck, and would not hear.

among them: but hardened their necks, 30 Yet many years didst thou forbear
and in their rebellion appointedst a captain them, and testifiedst against them by thy
to return to their bondage: but thou art Spirit in thy prophets: yet would they
a God ready to pardon, gracious and not give ear: therefore gavest thou them
merciful, slow to anger, and of great into the hand of the people of the lands.
kindness, and forsookest them not. 31 Nevertheless, for thy great mercies

18 Yea, when they had made them a sake, thou didst not utterly consume
molten calf, and said, This is thy God them, nor forsake them, for thou art a
that brought thee up out of Egypt, and gracious and merciful God.

19 Yet thou in thy manifold mercies, the mighty, and the terrible God, who
forsookest them not in the wilderness: the keepest covenant and mercy; let not all
pillar of thy cloud departed not from them the trouble seem little before thee, that
by day, to lead them in thy way, neither the hath come upon us, on our kings, on our
pillar of fire by night, to brew them light, princes, and on our priests, and on our
and the way wherein they should go. prophets, and on our fathers, and on all

20 Thou gavest also thy good spirit, thy people, since the time of the kings
to instruct them, and withheldest not thy of Assyria, unto this day.

21 Yea fourty years didst thou sustain right, but we have donewickedly:
them in the wilderness, so that they 33 Howbeit, thou art just in all that
lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not ces, our priests, nor our fathers kept thy
old, and their feet swelled not. law, nor hearkened unto thy command-

22 Moreover, thou gavest them king-
doms, and nations, and didst divide them thou didst testify against them.

23 Their children also multipliedst land, & thou gavest before them, neither
thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest turned they from their wicked works.

24 So the children went in and possessed
the land, and thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the land, the Cana-

25 And they took strong cities, and a far
land, & possessed houses full of all goods, sure covenants, and wrote it, and our prin-

26 Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and cast
thy law behind their backs, and slew thy Hachaliah, and Zidkiah,

27 And because of all this, we make
a Seralah,

28 The names of them that sealed the co-
venant. 29 The points of that covenant.

30 Now those that sealed were, Nebe-
miah the Tirshatha, the son of

31 The names of them that sealed the co-
venant. 32 The points of that covenant.

33 Now those that sealed were, Nebe-
miah the Tirshatha, the son of

34 The names of them that sealed the co-
venant. 35 The points of that covenant.

3 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,
 4 Pahur, Amariah, Malchiah,
 5 Hattai, Shebaniah, Malluch,
 6 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,
 7 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,
 8 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,
 9 Maaiiah, Bilgai, Shemaiah : these
 were the priests.

9 And the Levites : both Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel :

10 And their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelajah, Hanan,

11 Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah,

12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,

13 Hodijah, Bani, Beninu.

14 The chief of the people ; Paroth, Pahath-moab, Elam, Zatho, Bani,

15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,

16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,

17 Ater, Hizkiah, Azzur,

18 Hodiah, Hattum, Bezai,

19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,

20 Magpiah, Meshullam, Hezir,

21 Meshazbabel, Zadok, Jaddua,

22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,

23 Hoshea, Hanania, Shaiub,

24 Malloth, Pileah, Shobek,

25 Rehun, Hashabna, Maaseiah,

26 And Abihah, Hanan, Anan,

27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

28 ¶ And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nethinims, & all they that had separated themselves from the people of the lands, unto the law of God, their wives, their sons & their daughters, every one having knowledge, and having understanding.

29 They came to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the Lord our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes :

30 And that we would not give our daughters unto the people of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons :

31 And if the people of the land bring ware or any victuals on the sabbath-day, to sell, that we would not buy it of them on the sabbath, or on the holy day : and that we would leave the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt.

32 Also we made ordinances for us, to charge our selves yearly, with the third part of a shekel, for the service of the house of our God,

33 For the shew-bread, and for the continual meat-offering, and for the continual burnt-offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy things, and for the tin-offerings, to make an atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God.

34 And we cast the lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, for the wood-offering, to bring it into the house of our God, after the houses of our fathers, at times appointed, year by year, to burn upon the altar of the Lord our God, as it is written in the law.

35 And to bring the first-fruits of our grounds, and the first-fruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the Lord.

36 Also the first-born of our sons, and of our cattle, (as it is written in the law) and the firstlings of our herds, and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, unto the priests that minister in the house of our God :

37 And that we should bring the first-fruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God, and the riches of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the tithes, in all the cities of our tillage.

38 And the priest the son of Aaron, shall bewitch the Levites, when the Levites take tithes, and the Levites shall bring up the tithes of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers into the treasure-house.

39 For the children of Israel, and the children of Levi, shall bring the offering of the corn, of the new wine, and the oil, unto the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers, and we will not forsake the house of our God.

CHAP. XI.

1 The rulers and the tenth man chosen by lot, dwell at Jerusalem. 20 The residue dwell in other cities.

¶ And the rulers of the people dwell at Jerusalem : the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten, to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts to dwell in other cities.

2 And the people blessed all the men that willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.

3 ¶ Now these are the chief of the province that dwell in Jerusalem : but in the cities of Judah dwelt every one in his possession in their cities, to wit, Israel, the priests, and the Levites, & the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants.

4 And at Jerusalem dwelt certain of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin : of the children of Judah ; Athaliah the son of Uzai, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amaria, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahaseel, of the children of Perez ;

5 And Maaseiah the son of Barnuch, the son of Col-hozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adajah, the son of Joarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni.

6 All the sons of Perez that dwell at Jerusalem, were four hundred threescore and eight valiant men.

7 And these are the sons of Benjamin : Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jesaiah.

8 And after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred twenty and eight.

9 And Joel the son of Zichri was their overseer : and Judah the son of Senuah, was second over the city.

10 Of the priests : Jedaiah the son of Joarib, sathin.

11 Seraiah the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, was the ruler of the house of God.

12 And their brethren that did the work of

Now these are the priests and the Levites that went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jehu: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,

3 Shecaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,

4 Iddo, Gineetho, Abijah,
5 Miamin, Meadiab, Bilgab,
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7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkih, Jedajah: these were the chief of the priests, and of

8 Moreover the Levites: Jehu, Bin-

hul, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and Mattaniah, which was over the thanksgiving, he and his brethren.

9 Also Bakkukiah, & Unni, their brethren,
were over against them in the watches.

10 ¶ And Jehua begat Ioiakim,
Ioiakim also begat Eliashib, and Eliashib
begat Ioiada.

16 And Joiada begat Jonathan, and Jonathan begat Jaddua.

12 And in the days of Joiahim, were priests, the chief of the fathers: of Seraiah, Mersiah; of Iehoniah, Hemaniah;

13 Of Ezra, Meshullam: of Amariah,
Jehohanan:

14 Of Melicu, Jonathan: of Shebaniah,
Joseph:

16 Of Iddo, Zechariah: of Gennerthou,
Melhullam :

17 Of Abijah, Zichri: of Miniamin,
of Moadiah, Piltai:

19 And of Jojarib, Mattenai: of Je-

20 Of Sallai, Kallai: of Amok, Eber:

22 ¶ The Levites in the dayes of Elia-

hib, Joïda, and Iohanan, & Jaddua, were recorded chief of the fathers: also the priests, in the reign of Darius & Borsippa.

23 The sons of Levi, the chief of the fathers, *were* written in the book of the

chronicles, even untill the dayes of Iohanan the son of Eliashib.

24 And the chief of the Levites: Habbiah, Sherebiah, and Jehu the son of Kadmiel, with their brethren over against

them, to praise *and* to give thanks according to the commandment of David the man of God, *warden* over our island.

25 - Marremiah, and Bakkubiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub, were

porters keeping the ward, at the thresholds of the gates.

the son of Ieshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the dayes of Nehemiah the governour,

37 ¶ And at the dedication of y^e wall of
Jerusalem, they sang the Levitical song of

all their places, to bring them to Ierusalem, to keep y dedication with gladnes,

both with thanksgivings, & with singing
with cymbals, psalteries, and with harps.

ed themselves together, both out of the plain country round about Jerusalem,

.....

and from the villages of Netophathi, and from the house of Gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba, and Azmaveth: for the singers had builded them villages round about Jerusalem.

30 And the priests and the Levites purified themselves, and purified the people, and the gates, and the wall.

31 Then I brought up the princes of Judah upon the wall, and appointed two great companies of them that gave thanks, *whereof one* went on the right hand upon the wall toward the dung-gate:

32 And after them went Holthaiab, and half of the princes of Judah,

33 And Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam,

34 Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah,

35 And certain of the priests sons with trumpets: *namely*, Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph:

36 And his brethren, Shemaiah, and Azarael, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God, and Ezra the scribe before them.

37 And at the fountain-gate, which was over against them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall, above the house of David, even unto the water-gate east-ward.

38 And the other company of them that gave thanks, went over against them, and I after them, and the half of the people upon the wall, from beyond the tower of the furnaces, even unto the broad wall:

39 And from above the gate of Ephraim, and above the old-gate, & above the fifth-gate, and the tower of Hananeel, and the tower of Meah, even unto the sheep-gate; and they stood still in the prison-gate.

40 So stood the two companies of them that gave thanks in the house of God, & I, and the half of the rulers with me:

41 And the priests: Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Michaiah, Elioenai, Zachariah, and Hananiah with trumpets:

42 And Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, & Jehohanan, & Malchijah, & Elam, and Ezer: and the singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah their overseer.

43 Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced: for God had made them joyce with great joy: the wives also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

44 ¶ And at that time were some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the first-fruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites that waited.

45 And both the singers and the porters kept the ward of their God, and the ward of the purification, according to the commandment of David, and of Solomon his son.

46 For in the dayes of David and Asaph, of old, *there was* chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God.

47 And all Israel in the dayes of Ze-

rubbabel, and in the dayes of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers, porters, every day his portion, and sanctified holy things unto the Levites, and the Levites sanctified them unto the children of Aaron.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Upon the reading of the law, separation is made from the mixed multitude.

ON that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people, and therein was found written, *the Moabite and the Ammonite should not come into the congregation of God for ever*.

2 Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, he hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing.

3 Now it came to passe when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.

4 ¶ And before this, Eliashib the priest, having the oversight of the chamber of the house of our God, *was* allied unto Tobiah:

5 And he had prepared for him a chamber, where aforetime they laid the meat-offerings, the frank-incense, the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, new wine, and the oyl (which was commanded to be given to the Levites, and the singers, and the porters) and the offerings of the priests.

6 But in all this time was not I at Jerusalem: for in the two and thirtieth part of Artaxerxes king of Babylon, came I unto the king, and after certain days obtained I leave of the king.

7 And I came to Jerusalem, and understood of the evil that Eliashib did for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God.

8 And it grieved me sore, therefore I cast forth all the household-stuff of Tobiah out of the chamber.

9 Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers; and thither brought I again the vessels of the house of God, the meat-offering and the frankincense.

10 ¶ And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them: for the Levites and the singers that did work, were fled everyone to his field.

11 Then contended I with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? and I gathered them together, and set them in their place.

12 Then brought all Judah the tithes of the corn, and the new wine, and the oyl unto the treasures.

13 And I made treasurers over the treasures, Shelemiah the priest, and Zedekiah the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah, and next to them *was* Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah: for they were counted faithful, and their office *was* to distribute unto their brethren.

14 Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the officers thereof.

15 In those dayes saw I in Judah some treading wine-presses on the sabbaths, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses, as also wine, grapes, and figs,

and all manner of burdens which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath-day: and I testified against them in the day wherein they sold victuals.

16 There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish, and all manner of ware; and sold on the Sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem:

17 Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the sabbath-day?

18 Didnot your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, & upon this city: yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath.

19 And it came to passe, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and some of my servants set I at the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath-day.

20 So the merchants, and sellers of all kinde of ware, lodged without Jerusalem once or twice.

21 Then I testified against them, and said unto them, why lodge ye about the wall? If ye do so again, I will lay hands on you: From that time forth came they no more on the sabbath.

22 And I commanded the Levites, that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come & keep the gates, to sanctifie sabbath-day. Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and I am me

according to the greatness of thy mercy.

23 ¶ In those dayes also saw I Jews that had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab:

24 And their children spake half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews language, but according to the language of each people.

25 And I contended with them, and cursed them, & smote certain of them, & plucked off their hair, & made them swear by God, saying, Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for your selves.

26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless, even him did our landish women cause to sin.

27 Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to transgresse against our God, in marrying strangewives?

28 And one of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was son in law to Sanballat the Horonite: therefore I chafed him from me.

29 Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Levites.

30 Thus cleansed I them from all strangers, and appointed the wards of the priests & the Levites, every one in his business.

31 And for the wood-offering, at times appointed, and for the first-fruits. Remember me, O my God, for good

The book of ESTHER.

CHAP. 1.

1 *Ahasuerus maketh a royall feast.*

10 *Vashti sent for, refuseth to come.*

NOW it came to passe in the days of Ahasuerus, this is Ahasuerus which reigned from India even unto Ethiopia, over an hundred and seven and twenty provinces.)

2 *That in those dayes, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan the palace,*

3 *In the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes, and his servants: the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces being before him.*

4 *When he shewed the riches of his glorious kingdom, and the honour of his excellent majesty, many dayes, even an hundred and fourscore daies.*

5 *And when these dayes were expired, the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shushan the palace, both unto great and small, seven dayes, in the court of the garden of the kings palace.*

6 *Where were white, green, and blue hangings, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple, to silv'ringes, and pillars of marble: the beds of gold, and silver, upon a pavement of red, and blue, and white, and black marble.*

7 *And they gave them drink in vessels of gold, (the vessels being divers one from another) and royall wine in abundance, according to the state of the king.*

8 *And the drinking was according to the law, none did compell: for so the king had appointed to all the officers of*

his house, that they should do according to every mans pleasure.

9 *Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women, in the royall house which belonged to king Ahasuerus.*

10 ¶ On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Methanai, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven chamberlains that served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king,

11 *To bring Vashti the queen before the king, with the crown royall, to shew the people and the princes her beauty: for she was faire to look on.*

12 *But the queen Vashti refused to come at the kings commandment by his chamberlains: therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned against him.*

13 ¶ Then the king said to the wise men, which knew the times, (for so was the kings manner towards all that knew law and judgement)

14 *And of these men was Carshena, Sherhas, Admatha, Tadmish, Mares, Marsena, and Memcan, the seven princes of Persia & Media, which saw the kings face, and which sat the first in the kingdom.)*

15 *What shall we do unto the queen Vashti, according to law, because she hath not performed the commandment of the king Ahasuerus, by the chamberlains?*

16 ¶ And Memcan answered before the king, and the princes, Vashti the queen hath done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the people that are in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus.

Vashti is deposed.

Eſther.

Eſther is made queen.

17 For this deed of the queen ſhall come abroad unto all women, ſo that they ſhall deſpiſe their husbands in their eyes, when it ſhall be reported, The king Aſuerus commanded Vaſhti the queen to be brought in before him, but ſhe came not.

18 Likewise ſhall the ladies of Perſia and Media ſay this day unto all the kings princes, which have heard of the deed of the queen. Thus ſhall there ariſe too much contempt and wrath.

19 If it pleaſeth the king, let there go a royall commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Perſians & the Medes, that it be not altered, that Vaſhti come no more before king Aſuerus, & let the king give her royall eſtate unto another y^e is bettere in the.

20 And when the kings decree which he ſhall make, ſhall be publiſhed throughout all his empire, (for it is great) all the wives ſhall give to their husbands honour, both to great and ſmall.

21 And the ſaying pleaſed the king and the princes, and the king did according to the word of Memucan:

22 For he ſent letters into all the kings provinces, into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language, that every man ſhould bearrule in his own houſe, and that it ſhould be publiſhed according to the language of every people.

CHAP. II.

1 Out of the choiſe of virgins, a queen is to be choſen. 1. Eſther 2. el. ſed.

After theſe things, when the wrath of king Aſuerus was appeaſed, he remembered Vaſhti, and what ſhe had done, and what was decreed againſt her.

2 Then ſaid the kings ſervants, that miniſtered unto him, Let there be fair young virgins ſought for the king.

3 And let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdome, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shuſhan the palace, to the houſe of the women, unto the cuſtody of Hegai the kings chamberlain, keeper of the women, and let their things for purification be given them:

4 And let the maiden which pleaſeth the king, be queen in ſtead of Vaſhti. And the thing pleaſed the king, and he did ſo.

5 ¶ Now in Shuſhan the palace, there was a certain Jew, whoſe name was Mordecai, the ſon of Jair, the ſon of Shimei, the ſon of Kiſh, a Beniamite:

6 Who had been carried away from Jeruſalem, with the captivity which had been carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away.

7 And he brought up Hadafſah (that is Eſther) his uncles daughter, for ſhe had neither father nor mother, and the maid was fair and beautiful, whom Mordecai (when her father and mother were dead) took for his own daughter.

8 ¶ So it came to paſſe, when the kings commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shuſhan the palace, to the cuſtody of Hegai, that Eſther was brought alſo unto the kings houſe, to the cuſtody of Hegai, keeper of the women.

9 And the maiden pleaſed him, and ſhe

obtained kindneſſe of him, and he ſo dily gave her her things for purification, with ſuch things as belonged to her, and ſeven maidens, which were meet to be giver her, out of the kings houſe, and he preferred her and her maids, unto the beſt place of the houſe of the women.

10 Eſther had not ſhewed her people, nor her kindred: for Mordecai had charged her, that ſhe ſhould not ſhew it.

11 And Mordecai walked every day before the court of the womens houſe, to know how Eſther did, and what ſhould become of her.

12 ¶ Now whenever maids turn come, to go in to king Aſuerus, after that ſhe had been twelve moneths, according to the manner of the women, (for ſo were the dayes of their purifications accompliſhed, to wit, fix moneths with oil of myrrhe, and fix moneths with ſweet odours, and with other things in the purifying of the women.)

13 Then thus came every maiden unto the king, whatſoever ſhe deſired was given her, to go with her out of the houſe of the women, unto the kings houſe.

14 In the evening ſhe went, and in the morrow ſhe returned into the ſecond houſe of the women, to the cuſtody of Shaaſhigaz, the kings chamberlain, which kept the concubines: the came in unto the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and that ſhe were called by name.

15 ¶ Now when the turn of Eſther, the daughter of Abihail, the uncle of Mordecai (who had taken her for his daughter) was come to go in unto the king, ſhe required nothing, but what Hegai the kings chamberlain, the keeper of the women appointed: and Eſther obtained favour in the ſight of all them that looked upon her.

16 So Eſther was taken unto king Aſuerus, into his houſe royall, in the tenth moneth (which is the moneth Tebeth) in the ſeventh year of his reign.

17 And the king loved Eſther above all the women, and ſhe obtained grace and favour in his ſight, more then all the virgins; ſo that he ſet the royall crown upon her head, and made her queen in ſtead of Vaſhti.

18 Then the king made a great feaſt unto all his princes and his ſervants, even Eſthers feaſt, and he made a releaſe to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the ſtate of the king.

19 And when the virgins were gathered together the ſecond time, then Mordecai ſat in the kings gate.

20 Eſther had not yet ſhewed her kindred, nor her people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Eſther did the commandment of Mordecai, like as when ſhe was brought up with him.

21 ¶ In thoſe dayes (while Mordecai ſat in the kings gate) two of the kings chamberlains, Bigthan & Terſh, of thoſe which kept the door, were wroth, and ſought to lay hand on king Aſuerus: 22 And the thing was known to Mordecai, who told it unto Eſther the queen, and Eſther certified the king thereof, in Mordecais name.

23 And when inquisition was made of the matter, it was found out; there fore they

they were both hanged on a tree: and it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king.

CHAP. III.

1 Haman despised by Mordecai, seeketh revenge on all the Jews.

After these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman the son of Ammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that were with him.

2 And all the king's servants that were in the king's gate, bowed, and revered Haman; for the king had so commanded concerning him: but Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence.

3 Then the king's servants, which were in the king's gate, said unto Mordecai, why transgresselst thou the king's commandment?

4 Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him, & he hearkened not unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai his matters would stand, for he had told them that he was a Jew.

5 And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath.

6 And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews, that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the people of Mordecai.

7 ¶ In the first month (that is the month Nisan) in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that is, the lot, before Haman, from day to day, and from month to month, to the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar.

8 ¶ And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad, & dispersed among the people, in all the provinces of thy kingdom, and their laws are divers from all people, neither keep they the king's laws; therefore it is not for the king's profit to suffer them.

9 If it please the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed: & I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to thy hands, of those that have the charge of the business, to bring it into the king's treasuries.

10 And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it unto Haman the son of Ammedatha the Agagite, a Jew's enemy.

11 And the king said unto Haman, The silver is given to thee, the people also, to do with them as it seemeth good to thee.

12 Then were the king's scribes called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and there was written according to all that Haman had commanded unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors that were over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language; in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's ring.

13 And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, (which is the month Adar) and to take the spoil of them for a prey.

14 The copy of the writing for a com-

mandment to be given in every province, was published into all people, that they should be ready against that day.

15 The posts went out, being hastened by the king's commandment, and the decree was given in Shulhan the palace: and the king and Haman sat down to drink, but the city Shulhan was perplexed.

CHAP. IIII.

1 Mordecai and the Jews mourn. 2 Esther appointed a fast.

When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry:

2 And came even before the king's gate: for none might enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth.

3 And in every province whithersoever the king's commandment, and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping and wailing, & many lay in sackcloth & ashes.

4 ¶ So Esther's maids, and her chamberlains came, and told her: then was the queen exceedingly grieved, and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him: but he received it not.

5 Then called Esther for Hatach, one of the king's chamberlains, whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a commandment to Mordecai, to know what it was, and why it was.

6 So Hatach went forth to Mordecai, unto the street of the city, which was before the king's gate.

7 And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him, and of the sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them.

8 Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree, that was given at Shulhan to destroy them, to shew it unto Esther, and to declare it unto her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people.

9 And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai.

10 ¶ Again Esther spake unto Hatach, & gave him commandment unto Mordecai:

11 All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death, except in such to whom the king shall hold out the golden scepter, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king, these thirty days.

12 And they told to Mordecai Esther's words.

13 Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews.

14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place, but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth, whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

Esther obtains the kings favour. Esther.

Mordecai is honoured.

15 ¶ Then Esther bade them return speak thou unto the king, that Mordecai may be hanged thereon: then go thou
16 Go, gather together all the Jews in merrily with the king unto the banquet are present in Shushan, and fast ye yet. And the thing pleased Haman, and for me, and neither eat nor drink three he caused the gallows to be made.

CHAP. VI.

1 And Ahasuerus rewarded Mordecai according to his request. *Mordecai is honoured.*

ON that night could not the king sleep, and he commanded to bring the book of records or the chronicles, and they were read before the king.

CHAP. V.

1 *Esther obtains the kings favour, in which he is honoured.* And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the kings chamberlains, the keepers of the door, who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus.

2 ¶ Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on her royal appparell, & stood in the inner court of the kings house, over against the kings house: and the king dignity hath been done to Mordecai for that he sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house. There is nothing done for him.

3 And it was so when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that he obtained favour in his sight; and the king held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand: so Esther drew near and touched the top of the scepter.

4 ¶ And the king said, what request wilt thou, queen Esther, and what is thy request? It shall be even given thee, to the half of the kingdom.

5 ¶ And Esther answered, If it seem good unto the king, let the king and Haman come this day unto the banquet that I have prepared for him.

6 ¶ Then the king said, Cause Haman to make haste, that he may do as Esther hath said: to the king and Haman came to the man whom the king delighteth to honour, banquet that Esther had prepared.

7 ¶ And the king said unto Esther, what is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: what is thy request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed.

8 ¶ Then answered Esther, and said, My petition, and my request is; If I have found favour in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition, and to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and I will do tomorrow as the king hath said.

9 ¶ Then went Haman forth that day, joyfull, and with a glad heart: but when Mordecai in the kings gate, let nothing fail of all that he had said.

10 Nevertheless, Haman refrained him the horse, and araved Mordecai, and self, and when he came home, he sent and brought him on horseback through the street for his friends, & Zeresh his wife, and proclaimed before them of the glory him. Thus shall it be done unto the man of his riches, and the multitude of his whom the king delighteth to honour.

11 ¶ And Mordecai came again to the king, and he had kings gate: but Haman hated him, and having his head covered, went of the king.

12 Haman said moreover, Yea, Esther all his friends, every thing that had be the queen did let no man come in with fallen him. Then said his wife men, and the king unto the banquet that she had Zeresh his wife unto him, if Mordecai be prepared, but my self; and tomorrow thou shalt begin to fall, thou shalt not be invited unto her also with the king.

13 ¶ Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting before the king.

14 ¶ Then said Zeresh his wife, and all with him, came the kings chamberlains, his friends unto him, Let a gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and tomorrow thou shalt see that Esther had prepared.

CHAP. VII.

1 *Esther sueth for her own life, and for her people. The king causeth Haman to be hanged on his own gallows.*

So the king and Haman came to banquet with Esther the queen.

2 And the king said again to Esther, on the second day, at the banquet of wine, what is thy petition, queen Esther? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? and it shall be performed even to the half of the kingdom.

3 Then Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favour in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request.

4 For we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish: but if we had been sold for bond-men and bond-women, I had held my tongue, although the enemy could not contravail the kings damage.

5 ¶ Then the king Ahasuerus answered and said unto Esther the queen, who is he? and where is he that durst presume in his heart to do so?

6 And Esther said, The adversary and enemy, is this wicked Haman. Then Haman was afraid before the king and the queen.

7 ¶ And the king arising from the banquet of wine in his wrath, went into the palace-garden; and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther the queen: for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king.

8 Then the king returned out of the palace-garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Haman was fallen upon the bed whereon Esther was. Then said the king, will he force the queen also to come in to the house? As the word went out of the kings mouth, they covered Hamans face.

9 And Harbonah, one of the chamberlains, said before the king, Behold also the gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman had made for Mordecai, who had spoken good for the king, standeth in the house of Haman. Then the king said, Hang him thereon.

10 So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the kings wrath pacified.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *Mordecaius advanced. 7 Ahasuerus granteth to the Jews to defend themselves. 15 Mordecaius honour, and the Jews joy.*

ON that day did the king Ahasuerus give the house of Haman the Jews enemy, unto Esther the queen: and Mordecai came before the king; for Esther had told what he was unto her.

2 And the king took off his ring which he had taken from Haman, and gave it unto Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

3 ¶ And Esther spake yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet and besought him with tears, to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device which he had devised against the Jews.

4 Then the king held out the golden scepter toward Esther. So Esther arose, and stood before the king.

5 And said, If it please the king, and if I have found favour in his sight, and the thing seem right before the king, and I be pleasing in his eyes; let it be written to reverse the letters devised by Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews which are in all the kings provinces:

6 For how can I endure to see the evil that shall come unto my people? or how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred?

7 ¶ Then the king Ahasuerus said unto Esther the queen, and to Mordecai the Jew, Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and him they have hanged upon the gallows, because he laid his hand upon the Jews.

8 Write ye also for the Jews, as it liketh you, in the kings name, and seal it with the kings ring: for the writing which is written in the kings name, & sealed with the kings ring, may no man reverse.

9 Then were the kings scribes called at that time in the third month (that is, the month Sivan) on the three and twentieth day thereof, and it was written (according to all that Mordecai commanded) unto the Jews, and to the lieutenants, and the deputies and rulers of the provinces which are from India unto Ethiopia, an hundred twenty and seven provinces, unto every province according to the writing thereof, and unto every people after their language, and to the Jews, according to their writing, and according to their language.

10 And he wrote in the king Ahasuerus name, and sealed it with the kings ring, and sent letters by posts, on horseback, and ridery on mules, camels, and young dromedaries:

11 Wherein the king granted the Jews, which were in every city, to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish all the power of the people and province, that would assault them, both little ones, and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey:

12 Upon one day, in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, namely, upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar.

13 The copy of the writing, for a commandment to be given in every province, was published unto all people, and that the Jews should be ready against that day, to avenge themselves on their enemies.

14 So the posts that rode upon mules and camels went out, being hastened, and pressed on by the kings commandment; and the decree was given at Shushan the palace.

15 ¶ And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king, in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen, and purple; and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad:

16 The Jews had light and gladness, and joy and honour.

17 And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the kings commandment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day: and many of the people of the land be-

same Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them.

C H A P. IX.

1. *The Jews say their enemies, with the ten sons of Haman. 20 The two dayes of Purim are made festival.*

NOW in the twelfth moneth (that is, the moneth Adar) on the thirteenth day of the same, when the kings commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them; (though it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them)

2 The Jews gathered themselves together in their cities, throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hands on such as sought their hurt; and no man could withstand them: for the fear of them fell upon all people.

3 And all the rulers of the provinces, and the lieutenants, and the deputies, and officers of the king, helped the Jews: because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them.

4 For Mordecai was great in the kings house, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces: for this man Mordecai wased greater and greater.

5 Thus the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter and destruction, and did what they would unto those that hated them.

6 And in Shushan the palace the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men.

7 And Parhandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha,

8 And Poratha, and Adalia, & Aridatha,

9 And Parmashta, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vazethatha,

10 The ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews, slew they; but on the spoil laid they not their hand.

11 On that day, the number of those that were slain in Shushan the palace, was brought before the king.

12 ¶ And the king said unto Esther the queen, The Jews have slain and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the palace, and the ten sons of Haman; what have they done in the rest of the kings provinces? now what is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee; or what is thy request further? and it shall be done.

13 Then said Esther, If it please thy king, let it be granted to the Jews which are in Shushan, to do so tomorrow also according unto this dayes decree, and let Hamans ten sons be hanged upon the gallows.

14 And the king commanded it so to be done; and the decree was given at Shushan, and they hanged Hamans ten sons.

15 For the Jews that were in Shushan, gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day also of the moneth Adar, and slew three hundred men at Shushan; but on the prey they laid not their hand.

16 But the other Jews that were in the kings provinces, gathered themselves together, and stood for their lives, and had rest from their enemies, and slew of their foes seventy and five thousand; but they laid not their hand on the prey.

17 On the thirteenth day of the moneth Adar, and on the fourteenth day of

the same, rested they, and made it a day of feasting and gladnesse.

18 But the Jews that were at Shushan assembled together on the thirteenth day thereof, and on the fourteenth thereof; and on the fifteenth day of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladnesse.

19 Therefore the Jews of the villages, that dwell in the unwalled towns, made the fourteenth day of the moneth Adar, a day of gladnesse and feasting, and a good day, and of sending portions one to another.

20 ¶ And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters unto all the Jews that were in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, both nigh and far,

21 To stablish this among them, that they should keep the fourteenth day of the moneth Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same yearly:

22 As the dayes wherein the Jews rested from their enemies, & the moneth which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day: that they should make them dayes of feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor.

23 And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written unto them.

24 Because Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had devised against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur (that is, the lot) to consume them, and to destroy them;

25 But when Esther came before the king, he commanded by letters, that his wicked device which he devised against the Jews, should return upon his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.

26 Wherefore they called these dayes Purim; after the name of Pur: therefore for all these words of this letter, and of that which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had come unto them,

27 The Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their seed, and upon all such as joyned themselves unto them, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two dayes, according to their writing, and according to their appointed time every year:

28 And that these dayes should be remembered, and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city, and that these dayes of Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memoriall of them perish from their seed.

29 Then Esther the queen the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all authority, to confirm this second letter of Purim.

30 And he sent the letters unto all the Jews, to the hundred twenty and seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, with words of peace and truth;

31 To confirm these dayes of Purim in their times appointed, according as Mordecai the Jew, and Esther the queen had enjoyned them, and as they had decreed for themselves and for their seed, the matters of the fastings and their cry.

12 And the decree of Eſther confirmed his might, and the declaration of theſe matters of Purim; and it was writ-
ten in the book.

CHAP. X.

1 *Ahaſuerus his greatneſſe.* 3 *Mordecai's kings of Media and Perſia?*

And the king Ahaſuerus laid a tribut-
ing upon the land, and upon the iſles of
the ſea.

2 And all the acts of his power, and of people, & ſpeaking peace to all his ſeed.

The book of J O B.

CHAP. I.

1 *The holineſſe, riches, and religious care of Job for his children.* 6 *Satan appea- ring before God, by calumny obtain- eth leave to tempt Job.* 13 *Underſtan- ding of the loſſe of his goods and chil- dren, in his mourning he bleſſeth God.*

Here was a man in the land of Uz, whoſe name was Job, and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eſchewed evil.

2 And there were born unto him ſeven ſons, and three daughters.

3 His ſubſtance alſo was ſeven thou- ſand ſheep, and three thouſand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred ſhe-afſes, and a very great houſ- hold; ſo that this man was the greateſt of all the men of the eaſt.

4 And his ſons went and feaſted in their houſes, every one his day, and ſent and called for their three ſiſters, to eat and to drink with them.

5 And it was ſo, when the dayes of their feaſting were gone about, that Job ſent and ſanctified them, and roſe up early in the morning, and offered burnt-offerings according to the number of them all; for Job ſaid, It may be that my ſons have ſinned, and curſed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

6 ¶ Now there was a day, when the ſons of God came to preſent themſelves before the LORD, and Satan came alſo among them.

7 And the LORD ſaid unto Satan, Where comeſt thou? Then Satan an- ſwered the LORD, and ſaid, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

8 And the LORD ſaid unto Satan, Haſt thou conſidered my ſervant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and eſcheweth evil?

9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and ſaid, Doth Job fear God for nought?

10 Haſt not thou made an hedge about him, and about his houſe, and about all that he hath on every ſide? thou haſt bleſſed the work of his hands, and his ſubſtance is increaſed in the land.

11 But put forth thine hand now and touch all that he hath, and he will curſe down in it thee to thy face.

12 And the LORD ſaid unto Satan, thou conſidered my ſervant Job, that Behold, all that he hath is in thy power, there is none like him in the earth, a onely upon himſelf put not forth thine perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and eſcheweth evil? and ſence of the LORD.

13 ¶ And there was a day when his ſons though they were eating and drink- ing wine in their eldeſt brothers houſe:

14 And there came a meſſenge- unto ſaid, Skin for ſkin, yea all that a man Job, and ſaid, Theſe men were plowing, haſt will be give for his life.

and the aſſes feeding beſide them;

15 And the Sabaeans ſell upon them, and took them away, yea, they have ſlain the ſervants with the edge of the ſword, & I onely am eſcaped alone to tell thee.

16 While he was yet ſpeak- ing, there came alſo another, and ſaid, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burnt up the ſheep, and the ſervants, and conſumed them, and I onely am eſcaped alone to tell thee.

17 While he was yet ſpeak- ing, there came alſo another, and ſaid, The Calde- ns made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away; yea, and ſlain the ſervants with the edge of the ſword, and I onely am eſcaped alone to tell thee.

18 While he was yet ſpeak- ing, there came alſo another, and ſaid, Thy ſons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldeſt brothers houſe:

19 And behold, there came a great wind from the wilderneſſe, and ſmote the four corners of the houſe, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead, and I onely am eſcaped alone to tell thee.

20 Then Job aroſe, and rent his mantle, and ſhaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worſhipped;

21 And ſaid, Naked came I out of my mothers womb, and naked ſhall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away, bleſſed be the name of the LORD.

22 In all this Job ſinned not, nor charged God fooliſhly.

CHAP. II.

1 *Satan appearing again before God, obtaineth further leave to tempt Job.* 7 *He ſmiteth him with ſore boils.* 9 *Job reproves his wife, moving him to curſe God.* 11 *His three friends con- ſole with him in ſilence.*

Again there was a day when the ſons of God came to preſent themſelves before the LORD, and Satan came alſo among them to preſent himſelf before the LORD.

2 And the LORD ſaid unto Satan, From whence comeſt thou? and Satan anſwered the LORD, and ſaid, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

3 And the LORD ſaid unto Satan, Haſt thou conſidered my ſervant Job, that Behold, all that he hath is in thy power, there is none like him in the earth, a onely upon himſelf put not forth thine perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and eſcheweth evil? and ſtill he holdeth faſt his integrity, al-

though thou moveſt me againſt him, to deſtroy him without cauſe.

4 And Satan answered the LORD, and ſaid, Skin for ſkin, yea all that a man Job, and ſaid, Theſe men were plowing, haſt will be give for his life.

5 But purforth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

6 And *Job* said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand, but save his life.

7 ¶ So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils, from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

8 And he took him a porthead to scrape himself withall; and he sat down among the ashes.

9 ¶ Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh; what? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

11 ¶ Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place: Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite; for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him, and to comfort him.

12 And when they lift up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept, and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven.

13 So they sat down with him upon the ground seven dayes and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that his grief was very great.

CHAP. III.

1 *Job curseth the day and services of his birth.* 2 *The ease of death.* 3 *He complaineth of life, because of his anguish.* After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day.

2 And Job spake, and said,
3 Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is a man-child conceived.

4 Let that day be darknesse, let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it.

5 Let darknesse and the shadow of death stain it, let a cloud dwell upon it, let the blacknesse of the day terrifie it.

6 As for that night, let darknesse seise upon it, let it not be joyued unto the dayes of the year, let it not come into the number of the months.

7 Lo, let that night be solitary, let no joyfull voice cometherein.

8 Let them curse it that curse the day, who are ready to raise up their mourning.

9 Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark, let it look for light but have none, neither let it see the dawning of the day:

10 Because it shut not up the doores of my mother's womb, nor hid sorrow from mine eyes.

11 Why died I not from the womb? why did I not give up the ghost when I came out of the belly?

12 Why did the knees prevent me? or why did the breasts that I should suck?

13 For now should I have lien still, and been quiet, I should have slept; then had I been at rest.

14 With kings & counsellors of earth, & built desolate places for themselves:

15 Or with princes who had gold, and filled their houses with silver:

16 Or as an hidden untimely birth I had not been; as infants which never saw light.

17 Then should I have remained in the womb, and there the weary have rest.

18 These the prisoners rest together, they hear not the voice of the oppressor.

19 The small and great are there, and the servant is free from his master.

20 Wherefore is light given to him? is it in misery, & life unto the bitter in soul?

21 Which long for death, but it cometh not, & dig for it more then for hid treasures?

22 Which rejoyce exceedingly, and are glad when they can finde the grave?

23 Why is light given to a man whose way is hid, and whom God hath hedged in?

24 For my sighing cometh before I can, and my roarings are poured out like the waters.

25 For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of, is come unto me.

26 I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet: yet trouble came.

CHAP. IIII.

1 *Eliphaz reproveh Job for want of religion.* 2 *He teacheth Gods judgments to be not for the righteous, but for the wicked.* 3 *His fearful vision, to humble the excellencies of creature, before God.* Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

2 If we assay to commune with thee, wilt thou be grieved? but who can withhold himself from speaking?

3 Behold, thou hast instructed many, and thou hast strengthened the weak hands.

4 Thy words have upheld him that was falling, and thou hast strengthened the feeble knees.

5 But now it is come upon thee, and thou faintest; it toucheth thee, and thou art troubled.

6 Is not this thy fear, thy confidence; and the uprightness of thy wayes, thy hope?

7 Remember, I pray thee, who ever perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous cut off?

8 Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickednes, reap the same.

9 By the blast of God they perish, & by the breath of his wrath are they consumed.

10 The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth of the young lions are broken.

11 The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, and the stout lions whelps are scattered abroad.

12 Now ashing was secretly brought to me, & mine ear received a little thereof.

13 In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men,

14 Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake.

15 Then a spirit passed before my face, the hair of my flesh stood up.

16 It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image was before mine eyes, there was silence, and I heard a voice, saying,

17 Shall mortall man be more just then God? shall a man be more pure then his Maker?

18 Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged to follow

19 How much less on them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in dust, which are crushed before *me*?

20 They are destroyed from morning to evening: they perish for ever without any regarding it.

21 Dost not their excellency which is in them, go away? they die, even without wisdom.

CHAP. V.

1 The harm of inconsideration. 3 The end of the wicked is misery. 6 God is to be regarded in affliction. 17 I be happy and of Gods correction.

C All now, is there be any that will answer thee, and to which of the saints wilt thou turn?

2 For wrath killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the silly one.

3 I have seen the foolish taking root: but suddenly I cursed his habitation.

4 His children are far from safety, and they are crushed in the gate, neither is there any to deliver them.

5 Whose harvest the hungry eareth up, and taketh it even out of the thorns, and a robber swalloweth up their substance.

6 Although affliction cometh not forth out of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground:

7 Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.

8 I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause:

9 Which doth great things & unsearchable; marvellous things without number.

10 Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the fields:

11 To set up on high those that be low; that those which mourn may be exalted to safety.

12 He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform: *their* enterprise.

13 He taketh the wise in their own craftinesse: and the counsel of the forward is carried headlong.

14 They meet with darkness in the day-time, and grope in the noon-day as in the night.

15 But he saveth the poor from the sword, from their mouth, and from the hand of the mighty.

16 So the poor hath hope, and inquiry stoppeth her mouth.

17 Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chattering of the Almighty:

18 For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole.

19 He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

20 In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword.

21 Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue: neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh.

22 At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh: neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth.

23 For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field: and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.

24 And thou shalt know that thy tabernacle shall be in peace: and thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not sin.

25 Thou shalt know also that thy seed shall be great, and thine off-spring as the grass of the earth.

26 Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in, in his season.

27 Lo this, we have searched it, so it is: hear it, and know thou it for thy good.

CHAP. VI.

1 Job sheweth that his complaints are not causeless. 3 He wisheth for death, wherein he is assured of comfort. 14 He reprooveth his friends of unkindnesse.

B Ut Job answered and said,

2 Oh that my grief were thoroughly weighed, and my calamity laid in the balances together!

3 For now it would be heavier then the sand of the sea, therefore my words are swallowed up.

4 For the arrows of the Almighty are within me, the poison whereof drinketh up my spirit: the terrors of God do see themselves in array against me.

5 Dost the wilde asse bray when he hath grass? or loweth the ox over his fodder?

6 Can that which is unsavoury be eaten without salt? or is there any taste in the white of an egge?

7 The things that my soul refused to touch, are as my sorrowfull meat.

8 O that I might have my request! and that God would grant me the thing that I long for!

9 Even that it would please God to destroy me, that he would let loose his hand and cut me off.

10 Then should I yet have comfort; yea I would harden my self in sorrow: let him not spare, for I have not concealed the words of the holy One.

11 What is my strength, that I should hope? and what is mine end, that I should prolong my life?

12 Is my strength the strength of stones? or is my flesh of brass?

13 Is not my help in me? and is wisdom drive quite from me?

14 To him that is afflicted pity should be shewed from his friend: but he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.

15 My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook, and as the stream of brooks they passe away:

16 Which are blackish by reason of the yce, and wherein the snow is hid:

17 What time they wax warm, they vanish: when it is hot, they are consumed out of their place.

18 The paths of their way are turned aside; they go to nothing, and perish.

19 The troops of Tema looked, the companies of Sheba waited for them.

20 They were confounded because they had hoped; they came cluther, and were ashamed.

21 For now ye are nothing; ye see my casting down, and are afraid.

22 Did I say, Bring unto me; or give a reward for me of your substance?

23 Or deliver me from my enemies hand? or redeem me from my hand of my might?

24 Teach me, and I will hold my tongue: and cause me to understand where in I have erred.

25 How forcible are right words! but what doth your arguing reprove?

CHAP. VIII.

26 Doye imagine to reprove words, and the speeches of one that is desperate, which are as winde?

27 Yea, ye overwhelm the fatherlesse, and you dig a pit for your friend.

28 Now therefore be content, look upon me, for it is evident unto you, if I lie.

29 Return I pray you, let it not be iniquity; yea, return again, my righteousness is in it.

30 Is there iniquity in my tongue? cannot my taste discern perverse things?

CHAP. VII.

1 *Job excuseth his desire of death.* 12 *He complaineth of his own restlessness, and Gods watchfulness.*

Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his dayes also like the dayes of an hireling?

2 As a servant earnestly desireth the shadow, and as an hireling looketh for the reward of his work:

3 So am I made to possesse moneths of vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me.

4 When I lie down, I say, when shall I arise, and the night be gone? and I am full of rollings to and fro unto the dawning of the day.

5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust, my skin is broken, and become loathsome.

6 My dayes are swifter then a weavers shuttle, and are spent without hope.

7 O remember that my life is winde: mine eye shall no more see good.

8 The eye of him that hath seen me shall see me no more; thine eyes are upon any other man.

9 As the cloud is consumed, and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the grave, shall come up no more.

10 He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more.

11 Therefore I will not refrain my mouth, I will speak in the anguish of my spirit, I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

12 Am I a sea, or a whale, that thou settest a watch over me?

13 When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaint:

14 Then thou scarest me with dreams, and terrifiest me through visions.

15 So that my soul chooseth strangling, and death rather then my life.

16 I loath it, I would not live alway: let me alone, for my dayes are vanity:

17 What is man, that thou shouldst magnifie him? and that thou shouldst set thine heart upon him?

18 And that thou shouldst visit him every morning, and try him every moment?

19 How long wilt thou not depart from me, nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle?

20 I have sinned, what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men? why hast thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a burden to my self?

21 And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity? for now shall I sleep in the dust, and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I shall not be.

Bildad sheweth Gods justice, in dealing with men according to their works. He allegeth antiquity to prove the certain destruction of the hypocrite. 20 *He applieth Gods just dealing to Job.*

Then answered Bildad the Shubite, and said,

2 How long wilt thou speak these things? and how long shall the words of thy mouth be like a strong winde?

3 Dost God pervert judgement? or doth the Almighty pervert justice?

4 If thy children have sinned against him, and he have cast them away for their transgression:

5 If thou wouldest seek unto God sometimes, and make thy supplication to the Almighty:

6 If thou wert pure and upright, surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous.

7 Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase.

8 For enquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thy self to the search of their fathers.

9 (For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our dayes upon earth are a shadow.)

10 Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee, and utter words out of their heart?

11 Can the rush grow up without mire? can the flag grow without water?

12 While it is yet in his greenesse, and not cut down, it withereth before any other herb.

13 So are the paths of all that forget God, & the hypocrites hope shall perish:

14 Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust shall be a spiders web.

15 He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand: he shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure.

16 He is green before the sun, and his branch shootheth forth in his garden.

17 His roots are wrapped about the heap, and seath the place of stones.

18 If he destroy him from his place, then it shall deny him, saying, I have not seen thee.

19 Behold, this is the joy of his way, and out of the earth shall others grow.

20 Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man, neither will he help a evil doers.

21 Till he fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with rejoicing.

22 They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame, and the dwelling place of the wicked shall come to nought.

CHAP. IX.

1 *Job acknowledging Gods justice, sheweth there is no contending with him.* 22 *Mans innocency is not so to be condemned by afflictions.*

Then Job answered and said,

2 I know it is so of a truth: but how should man be just with God?

3 If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand.

4 He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered?

5 Which removeth the mountains, and they know not; which overturneth them in his anger.

6 Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble.

7 Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not: and sealeth up the stars.

8 Which alone spreadeth out y heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea.

9 Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south.

10 Which doth great things past finding out: yea, and wonders without number.

11 *L*, he goeth by me, and I see him not: he passeth on also, but I perceive him not.

12 Behold, he taketh away, who can hinder him? who will say unto him, What dost thou?

13 If God will not withdraw his anger, the proud helpers do stoop under him.

14 How much less shall I answer him, and choose out my words *for* reason with him.

15 Whom, though I were righteous, yet would I not answer, but I would make supplication to my judge.

16 If I had called, and he had answered me; yet would I not believe that he had hearkened unto my voice.

17 For he breaketh me with a tempest, & multiplieth my wounds without cause.

18 He will not suffer me to take my breath, but filleth me with bitterness.

19 If I speak of strength, lo he is strong: and if of judgement, who shall set me a time to plead?

20 If I justify my self, mine own mouth shall condemn me: If I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse.

21 Though I were perfect, yet would I not know my soul: I would despise my life.

22 This is one thing, therefore I said it, he destroyeth the perfect and the wicked.

23 If the scourge slay suddenly, he will laugh at the trial of the innocent.

24 The earth is given into the hand of y wicked: he covereth y faces of the judges thereof; if not, where, and who is he?

25 Now my dayes are swifter then a poste: they flee away, they see no good.

26 They are pailed away as the swift ships: as y eagle that hasteth to the prey.

27 If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will leave off my heaviness, and comfort my self:

28 I am afraid of all my sorrows, I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent.

29 If I be wicked, why then labour I in vain?

30 If I wash my self with snow-water, and make my hands never to clean;

31 Yet shalt thou plunge me in y ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me.

32 For he is not a man as I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together in judgement.

33 Neither is there any dayes-man betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both.

34 Let him take his rod away from me, and let not his ear terrifie me.

35 Then would I speak, and not fear him; but *is* not so with me.

CHAP. X.

1 Job, taking liberty of complaint, expostulateth with God about his afflictions. 18 He complaineth of life, and craveth a little ease before death.

MY soul is wearie of my life, I will leave my complaining upon my self; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.

2 I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; shew me wherefore thou contendest with me.

3 Is it good unto thee, that thou shouldst oppress? that thou shouldst despise the work of thine hands? and shine upon the counsel of the wicked?

4 Hast thou eyes of flesh? or seest thou as man seeth?

5 Are thy dayes as the dayes of man? are thy years as mans dayes?

6 That thou enquirest after mine iniquity, and searchest after my sin?

7 Thou knowest that I am not wicked, and there is none that can deliver out of thine hand.

8 Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet thou dost destroy me.

9 Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay, and wilt thou bring me into dust again?

10 Hast thou not poured me out as milk, and cruddled me like cheese?

11 Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews.

12 Thou hast granted me life and favour, & thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.

13 And these things hast thou hid in thine heart: I know that this is with thee.

14 If I sin, then thou markest me, & thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity.

15 If I be wicked, woe unto me, and if I be righteous, yet will I not lift up my head: I am full of confusion, therefore see thou mine affliction:

16 For it increaseth: thou hunrest me as a fierce lion: and again thou shewest thy self marvelous upon me.

17 Thou renewest thy witnesses against me, and increasest thine indignation upon me; changes and war are against me.

18 Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up y ghost, and no eye had seen me!

19 I should have been as though I had not been, I should have been carried from the womb to the grave.

20 Are not my dayes few? cease then, and let me alone: I may take comfort a little.

21 Before I go whence I shall not return, even to the land of darkness, and the shadow of death:

22 A land of darkness, as darkness is self, and of the shadow of death, without any order, & where y light is as darkness.

CHAP. XI.

1 Zophar reprovet Job for justifying himself. 5 Gods wisdom is unsearchable.

12 The assured blessing of repentance.

Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,

2 Should not the multitude of words be answered? and should a man full of talk be justified?

3 Should thy lies make men hold their peace? and when thou mockest, shall no man make thee ashamed?

4 For thou hast said, My doctrine is pure, and I am clean in thine eyes.

5 But, O that God would speak, and open his lips against thee,

6 And y he would shew thee the secrets of wisdom, that they are double to that which I know: therefore that God exacteth of thee less than thine inquiry desireth.

7 Canst thou by searching finde out God? canst thou finde out the Almighty unto perfection?

8 *It is* as high as heaven, what canst thou do? deeper then hell, what canst thou know?

9 The measure thereof *is* longer then the earth, and broader then the sea.

10 If he cut off, and shur up, or gather together, then who can hinder him?

11 For he knoweth vain men: he seeth wickednesse also, will he not then consider it?

12 For vain man would be wise, though man be born like a wilde asse colt.

13 If thou prepare thine heart, and stretch out thine hands towards him;

14 If iniquity be in thine hand, put it far away, and let not wickednesse dwell in thy tabernacles.

15 For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear:

16 Because thou shalt forget thy misery, & remember it as waters that passe away:

17 And thine age shall be clearer then the noon-day; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning.

18 And thou shalt be secure because there is hope, yea thou shalt dig about thee, and thou shalt take thy rest in safety.

19 Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid; yea many shall make suite unto thee.

20 As the eeyes of the wicked shall fail, and they shall not escape, and their hope shall be as the giving up of the ghost.

CHAP. XII.

1 *Job maintaineth himself against his friends that reprove him. He acknowledgeth the generall doctrine of Gods omnipotencie.*

And Job answered and said,

2 No doubt but ye are the people, and wisdom shall die with you.

3 But I have understanding as well as you, I am not inferiour to you: yea, who knoweth not such things as these?

4 I am as one mocked of his neighbour, who calleth upon God, & he answereth him: the just upright man is laughed to scorn.

5 He that is ready to slip with his feet, is as a lamp despised in the thought of him that is at ease.

6 The tabernacles of robbers prosper, & they that provoke God are secure; into whose hand God bringeth abundantly.

7 But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee:

8 Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee; and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee.

9 Who knoweth not in all these, that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this?

10 In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, & the breath of all mankind.

11 Doeth not the ear try words? and the mouth taste his meat?

12 With the ancient is wisdom, and in length of dayes, understanding.

13 With him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding.

14 Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be build again: he shureth up a man, and there can be no opening.

15 Behold, he withholdeth the waters,

and they dry up: also he sendeth them out, and they overturne the earth.

16 With him is strength and wisdom: the deceived and the deceiver are his.

17 He leadech counsellors away spoiled, and maketh the judges fools.

18 He looserh the bond of kings, and girdeth their loins with a girdle.

19 He leadech princes away spoiled, and overthroweth the mighty.

20 He removeth away the speech of the trusty, and taketh away the understanding of the aged.

21 He poureth contempt upon princes, & weakeneth the strength of the mighty.

22 He discovereth deep things out of darknesse, and bringeth out to light the shadow of death.

23 He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them: he enlargeth the nations, and straiteneth them again.

24 He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and causeth them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way.

25 They grope in the dark without light, and he maketh them to stagger like a drunken man.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *Job reproveth his friends of partiality.*

14 He professeth his confidence in God, and intreateth to know his own sins, and Gods purpose in afflicting him.

Lo, mine eye hath seen all this, mine ear hath heard and understood it.

2 What ye know, and the same do I know also, I am not inferiour unto you.

3 Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.

4 But ye are forgers of lies, ye are all physicians of no value.

5 O that you would altogether hold your peace, and it should be your wisdom.

6 Hear now my reasoning, and hearken to the pleadings of my lips.

7 Will you speak wickedly for God? and talk deceitfully for him?

8 Will ye accept his person? will ye contend for God?

9 Is it good that he should search you out? or as one man mocketh another, do ye so mock him?

10 He will surely reprove you, if ye do secretly accept persons.

11 Shall not his excellency make you afraid? and his dread fall upon you?

12 Your remembrances are like unto ashes, your bodies to bodies of clay.

13 Hold your peace, let me alone that I may speake, and let come on me what will.

14 Wherefore do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in mine hand?

15 Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own wayes before him.

16 He also shall be my salvation: for an hypocrite shall not come before him.

17 Heard diligently my speech, and my declaration with your ears.

18 Behold now, I have ordered my cause, I know that I shall be justified.

19 Who is he that will plead with me? for now if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the ghost.

20 Onely do not two things unto me: then will I not hide my self from thee.

21 Withdraw thine hand far from me,

and let not thy dread make me afraid. and he passeth: thou changeest his countenance, and sendest him away.

22 Then call thou, and I will answer: or let me speak, and answer thou me.

23 How many are mine iniquities and sins? make me to know my transgression and my sin.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and holdest me for thine enemy?

25 Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro: and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble?

26 For thou writest bitter things against me, and makest me to possess the iniquities of my youth.

27 Thou purrest my feet also in the stocks, and lookest narrowly unto all my paths: thou settest a print upon the heels of my feet.

28 And he, as a rotten thing consumeth, as a garment that is moth-eaten.

CHAP. XLIIII.

1 *Job intreateth God for favour, by the poornesse of life, and certainty of death. Though life once lost be irreverable, yet he waiteth for his change. 16 By sin the creature is subject to corruption.*

Man hathis born of a woman, is of few dayes, and full of trouble.

2 He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

3 And dost thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgement with thee?

4 Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? nor one.

5 Seeing his dayes are determined, the number of his monthes are with thee; thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot passe.

6 Turn from him that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day.

7 For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will nor cease.

8 Though the roothereof was old in the earth, and y stock thereof die in y ground:

9 Yet through the sent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.

10 But man dieth, & wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, & where is he?

11 As the waters fail from the sea, and the foud decayeth and drieth up:

12 So man lieth down, and riseth not till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

13 O that thou wouldest hideme in the graves, that thou wouldest keep me secret, untill thy wrath be past, y thou wouldest appoint me a seagime, and remember me.

14 If a man die, shall he live again? all the dayes of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

15 Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.

16 For now thou numbrest my steps, dost thou not watch over my sin?

17 My transgression is sealed up in a bag, and thou sewest up mine iniquity.

18 And surely the mountain falling cometh to nought: and the rock is removed out of his place.

19 The waters wear the stones: thou wastest away the things which grow out of the dust of the earth, and thou destroyest the hope of man.

20 Thou prevalest for ever against him,

21 His sons come to honour, and he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them.

22 But his flesh upon him shall have pain, & his soul within him shall mourne.

CHAP. XLV.

1 *Eliphaz reproveth Job of impiety in justifying himself. 17 He proveth by tradition the unquietnesse of wicked men.*

Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite and said,

2 Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, & fill his belly with the east-wind?

3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk? or with speeches wherewith he can do no good?

4 Yea, thou castest off fear, and restrainest prayer before God.

5 For thy mouth uttereth thine iniquity, and thou choicest y tongue of the crafty.

6 Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I: yea, thine own lips testify against thee.

7 Art thou the first man that was born? or wast thou made before the hills?

8 Hast thou heard the secer of God? and dost thou restrain wisdom to thy self?

9 What knowest thou that we know not? what understandest thou, & is not in us?

10 With us are both the gray-headed, and very aged men, much elder then thy father.

11 Are the consolations of God small & thee? is there any secret thing with thee?

12 Why doth thine heart carry thee away? and what do thine eyes wink at,

13 That thou turnest thy spirit against God, and settest such words go out of thy mouth?

14 What is man, that he should be clean? and he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?

15 Behold, he purteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight.

16 How much more abominable and filthy is man, which drinketh iniquity like water?

17 I will shew thee, hear me, and that which I have seen, I will declare,

18 Which wise men have told from their fathers, and have not hid it:

19 Unto whom alone the earth was given, & no stranger passed among them.

20 The wicked man travaileth with pain all his dayes, and the number of years is hidden to the oppressour.

21 A dreadful sound is in his ears; in prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him.

22 He beleeveth not that he shall return out of darkness, and he is waited for of the sword.

23 He wandereth abroad for bread, saying, Where is it? he knoweth that the day of darkness is ready at his hand.

24 Trouble and anguish shall make him afraid: they shall prevail against him, as a king ready to the battel.

25 For he stretcheth out his hand against God, and strengtheneth himself against the Almighty.

26 He runneth upon him, even on his neck, upon y thick bosses of his bucklers;

27 Because he covereth his face with

his farnesse, and maketh collops of fat on his flanks.

28 And he dwelleth in desolare cities, and in houses which no man inhabiteth, which are ready to become heaps.

29 He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue, neither shall he prolong y^e perfection thereof upon the earth.

30 He shall not depart out of darknesse, the flame shall drie up his branches, & by the breath of his mouth shall he go away.

31 Let not him that is deceived, trust in vanity: for vanity shall be his recompence.

32 It shall be accomplished before his time, and his branch shall not be green.

33 He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, and shall cast off his stower as the olive.

34 For the congregation of hypocrites shall be desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery.

35 They conceive mischief, and bring forth vanity, and their belly prepareth deceit.

CHAP. XVI.

Job reproveth his friends of unmercifulnesse. He sheweth the pitifulnesse of his case. 17 He maintaineth his innocency.

Then Job answered and said, 1 I have heard many such things: miserable comforters are ye all.

2 Shall vain words have an end? or what emboldeneth thee that thou answerest?

3 Also could I speak as ye do: if your soul were in my souls stead, I could heap up words against you, and shake mine head as you.

4 But I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should allswage your grief.

5 Though I speak, my grief is not allswaged: and though I forbear, what am I eased?

6 But now he hath made me weary: thou hast made desolate all my company.

7 And thou hast filled me with wrinkles, which is a witness against me: and my leanness rising up in me, beareth witness to my face.

8 He teareth me in his wrath, who hateth me: he gnaweth upon me with his teeth; mine enemy sharpeneth his eyes upon me.

9 They have gaped upon me with their mouth, they have smitten me upon the cheek reproachfully, they have gathered themselves together against me.

10 God hath delivered me to the ungodly, and turned me over into the hands of the wicked.

11 I was at ease, but he hath broken me asunder: he hath also taken me by my neck, and shaken me to pieces, and set me up for his mark.

12 His archers compass me round about, he cleaveth my reins asunder, and doeth not spare; he poureth out my gall upon the ground.

13 He breaketh me with breach upon breach, he runneth upon me like a giant.

14 I have sowed sackcloth upon my skin, and defiled my horn in the dust.

15 My face is foul with weeping, and my eye-lids are the shadow of death:

16 Not for any injustice in mine hands: alfo my prayer is pure.

17 O earth, cover not thou my blood,

and let my cry have no place.

19 Also now, behold, my witness is in heaven, and my record is on high.

20 My friends scorn me: but mine eye poureth out teares unto God.

21 O that one might plead for a man to God, as a man pleadeth for his neighbour.

22 When a few years are come, then I shall go y^e way whence I shall not return.

CHAP. XVII.

Job appealeth from men to God. 6 The unmerciful dealing of men with the afflicted, may astonish, but not discourage the righteous. 11 His hope is not in life, but in death.

My breath is corrupt, my dayes are extinct, the graves are ready for me.

2 Are there not mockers with me? and doth not mine eye continue in their provocation?

3 Lay down now, put me in a surety with thee; who is he that will strike hand with me?

4 For thou hast hid their heart from understanding: therefore shalt thou not exalt them.

5 He y^e speaketh flattery to his friends, even the eyes of his children shall fail.

6 He hath made me also a by-word of people, and afore-time I was as a taunt.

7 Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow, and all my members are as a shadow.

8 Upright men shall be astonished at this, and the innocent shall stir up himself against the hypocrite.

9 The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger.

10 But as for you all, do you return, and come now: for I cannot finde one wise man among you.

11 My dayes are past, my purposes are broken off, even y^e thoughts of my heart.

12 They change the night into day: the light is short, because of darknesse.

13 If I wait, the grave is mine house: I have made my bed in the darknesse.

14 I have said to corruption, Thou art my father: to the worm, Thou art my mother, and my sister.

15 And where is now my hope? as for my hopes, who shall see it?

16 They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when our rest together is in the dust.

CHAP. XVIII.

Bildad reproveth Job for presumption and impiety. 5 The calamities of the wicked.

Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

2 How long wilt thou be, ere you make an end of words? mark, and afterwards we will speak.

3 Wherefore are we counted as beasts, and reputed vile in your sight?

4 He teareth himself in his anger: shall the earth be forsaken for thee? and shall the rock be removed out of his place?

5 Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine.

6 The light shall be dark in his tabernacle, and his candle shall be put out & him.

7 The steps of his strength shall be straitened, and his own counsel shall cast him down.

8 For he is cast into a net by his own

feet, and he walketh upon a snare.

9 The grin shall take him by the heel, and the robber shall prevail against him.

10 The snare is laid for him in the ground, and a trap for him in the way.

11 Terrors shall make him afraid on every side, and shall drive him to his feet.

12 His strength shall be hunger-bitten, and destruction shall be ready at his side.

13 It shall devour the strength of his skin: even the first-born of death shall devour his strength.

14 His confidence shall be rooted out of his tabernacle, and it shall bring him to the king of terrors.

15 It shall dwell in his tabernacle, because it is none of his: brimstone shall be scattered upon his habitation.

16 His roots shall be dried up beneath, and above shall his branch be cut off.

17 His remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the street.

18 He shall be driven from light into darkness, and chased out of the world.

19 He shall neither have son nor nephew among his people, nor any remaining in his dwellings.

20 They that come after him shall be astonished at his day, as they that went before were affrighted.

21 Surely such are the dwellings of the wicked, and this is the place of him that knoweth not God.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Job complaining of his friends cruelty, sheweth there is misery enough in him to feed their cruelty. 21, 25 He craveth mercy. 23 He believeth the resurrection.

Then Job answered and said,

2 How long will ye vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words?

3 The seven times have ye reproached me: you are not ashamed that you make your selves strange to me:

4 And be it indeed that I have erred, mine error remaineth with my self.

5 If indeed ye will magnify your selves against me, and plead against me my reproch:

6 Know now that God hath overthrown me, and hath compassed me with his net.

7 Behold, I cry out of wrong, but I am not heard: I cry aloud, but there is no judgement.

8 He hath fenced up my way that I cannot passe, and he hath set darkness in my paths.

9 He hath stript me of my glory, and taken the crown from my head.

10 He hath destroyed me on every side, and I am gone: and mine hope hath he removed like a tree.

11 He hath also kindled his wrath against me, and he counteth me unto him, as one of his enemies.

12 His troops come together, and raise up their way against me, and encamp round about my tabernacle.

13 He hath put my brethren far from me, and mine acquaintance are verily estranged from me.

14 My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me.

15 They that dwell in mine house, and my maids, count me for a stranger; I am an alien in their sight.

16 I called my servants, and he gave me no answer: I charged him with my mouth.

17 My breath is strange to my wife, though I entreated for the children sake of mine own body.

18 Yea, young children despised me, I arose, and they spake against me.

19 All my inward friends abhorred me, & they whom I loved, are turned against me.

20 My bone cleaveth to my skin, and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.

21 Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends, for the hand of God hath touched me.

22 Why do ye persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh?

23 O that my words were now written, Oh that they were printed in a book!

24 That they were graven with an iron pen and lead, in the rock for ever!

25 For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

26 And though after my skin, worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

27 Whom I shall see for my self, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another: though my reins be consumed within me.

28 But ye should say, why persecute we him, seeing the root of the matter is found in me?

29 Be ye afraid of the sword: for wrath bringeth the punishments of the sword, that ye may know that he is a judgement.

CHAP. XX.

Zophar sheweth the state and portion of the wicked.

Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,

2 Therefore do my thoughts cause me to answer, and for this I make haste.

3 I have heard the check of my reproch, and the spirit of my understanding causeth me to answer.

4 Knowest thou not this of old, since man was placed upon earth,

5 That the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment?

6 Though his excellency mount up to the heavens, & his head reach unto the clouds;

7 Yet he shall perish for ever, like his own dung: they which have seen him shall say, Where is he?

8 He shall flee away as a dream, and shall not be found: yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of the night.

9 The eye also which saw him, shall see him no more; neither shall his place any more behold him.

10 His children shall seek to please the poor, and his hands shall restore their goods.

11 His bones are full of the sin of his youth, & shall lie down with him in the dust:

12 Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, though he hide it under his tongue;

13 Though he spare it, and forsake it, nor; but keep it still within his mouth:

14 Yet his meat in his bowels is turned, it is the gall of asps within him.

15 He hath swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them up again: God shall cast them out of his belly.

16 He shall suck the poison of asps

The wicked prosper:

the viper's tongue shall slay him.

17 He shall not see the rivers, the floods, the brooks of honey and butter.

18 That which he laboured for, shall he restore, and shall not swallow it down: according to his substance shall the restitution be, & he shall not rejoice therein.

19 Because he hath oppressed, and hath forsaken the poor; because he hath violently taken away an house which he builded not:

20 Surely he shall not feel quietness in his belly, he shall not save of that which he desired.

21 There shall none of his meat be left, therefore shall no man look for his goods.

22 In the fulness of his sufficiency he shall be in straits: every hand of the wicked shall come upon him.

23 When he is about to fill his belly, God shall cast the fury of his wrath upon him, and shall rain it upon him while he is eating.

24 He shall flee from the iron weapon, & bow of steel shall strike him through.

25 It is drawn and cometh out of the body; yea, the glittering sword cometh out of his gall; terrors are upon him.

26 All darkness shall be hid in his secret places: a fire not blown shall consume him; it shall go ill with him that is left in his tabernacle.

27 The heaven shall reveal his iniquity: and the earth shall rise up against him.

28 The increase of his house shall depart, and his goods shall flow away in the day of his wrath.

29 This is the portion of a wicked man from God, and the heritage appointed unto him by God.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Job sheweth that even in the judgement of man he hath reason to be grieved.

2 Sometimes the wicked do so prosper, as they despise God. 3 Sometimes their destruction is manifest. 4 The happy & unhappy are alike in death. 5 The judgement of the wicked is in another world.

6 But Job answered and said,

1 Hear diligently my speech, and let this be your consolation.

2 Suffer me that I may speak, and after that I have spoken, mock on.

3 As for me, my complaint to man? and if it were so, why should not my spirit be troubled?

4 Mark me, and be astonished, and lay your hand upon your mouth.

5 Even when I remember, I am afraid, and trembling taketh hold on my flesh.

6 Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty in power?

7 Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their offspring before their eyes.

8 Their houses are safe from fear, neither is the rod of God upon them.

9 Their bull gendereth and saileth not, their cow calveth & casteth not her calf.

10 They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance.

11 They take the timbrell and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ.

12 They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave.

13 Therefore they say unto God, De-

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part from us: for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.

14 What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have if we pray unto him?

15 Lo, their good is not in their hand, the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

16 How oft is the candle of the wicked put out? and how oft cometh their destruction upon them? God distributeth sorrows in his anger.

17 They are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm carrieth away.

18 God layeth up his iniquity for his children: he rewardeth him, and he shall know it.

19 His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink of wrath of the Almighty.

20 For what pleasure hath he in his house after him, when the number of his months is cut off in the midst?

21 Shall any teach God knowledge? seeing he judgeth those that are high.

22 One dieth in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet.

23 His breasts are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow.

24 And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, & never eateth with pleasure.

25 They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them.

26 Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices which ye wrongfully imagine against me.

27 For ye say, Where is the house of the prince? and where are the dwelling-places of the wicked?

28 Have ye not asked them that go by the way? and do ye not know their token?

29 That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction; they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath.

30 Who shall declare his way to his face? & who shall repay him what he hath done?

31 Yet shall he be brought to the grave, and shall remain in the tomb.

32 The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him, and every man shall draw after him, as there are innumerable before him.

33 How then comfort ye me in vain, seeing in your answers there remaineth falsehood?

CHAP. XXII.

1 Eliphaz sheweth that mans goodness profiteth not God. 2 He accuseth Job of divers sins. 3 He exhorteth him to repentance, with promises of mercy.

4 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

1 Can a man be profitable unto God, as he that is wise may be profitable unto himself?

2 Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? or is it gain to him that thou makest thy ways perfect?

3 Will he reprove thee for fear of thee? will he enter with thee into judgement?

4 Is not thy wickedness great? and thine iniquities infinite?

5 For thou hast taken a pledge from thy brother for nought, and stripped the naked of their clothing.

6 Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, and thou hast withheld bread from the hungry.

7 But as for the mighty man, he had his catch, & the honourable man dwelt in it.

9 Then

9 Thou hast sent widows away empty, and *there is* and backward, *but* I can never
arms of the fatherless have been broken. *ceiv: him:*

10 Therefore *scarcely* are round about
ther, and sudden fear troubleth thee;

11 Or darkness that thou canst not
see, and abundance of waters cover thee.

12 Is not God in the height of heaven?
and behold the height of the stars, how
high they are.

13 And thou sayest, How doth God know?
can he judge through the dark cloud?

14 Thick clouds *are* a covering to him
that he seeth not, and he walketh in the
circuit of heaven.

15 Hast thou marked the old way which
wicked men have troden?

16 Which were cut down out of time,
whose foundation was overturned with a
flood.

17 Which said unto God, Depart from us:
and what can the Almighty do for them?

18 Yet he filled their houses with good
things: but the counsel of the wicked is
far from me.

19 The righteous see it, and are glad:
and the innocent laugh them to scorn.

20 Where is our substance is not cut
down, but the remnant of them the fire
consumeth:

21 Acquaint now thy self & him, & be at
peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.

22 Receive, I pray thee, the law from his
mouth, & lay up his words in thine heart.

23 If thou return to the Almighty,
thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put
away iniquity far from thy tabernacles.

24 Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, &
gold of Ophir as; stones of the brooks.

25 Yea the Almighty shall be thy de-
fence, & thou shalt have plenty of silver.

26 For then shalt thou have thy de-
light in the Almighty, and shalt lift up
thy face unto God.

27 Thou shalt make thy prayer unto
him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt
pay thy vows.

28 Thou shalt also decree a thing, and
it shall be established unto thee: and the
light shall shine upon thy wayes.

29 When men are cast down, then thou
shalt say, There is lifting up: and he shall
save the humble person.

30 He shall deliver the island of the
innocent: and it is delivered by the pure-
ness of thine hands.

CHAP. XXIII.

5 *Job longeth to appear before God, & in
confidence of his mercy. God who is in-
visible, job forwurd our wayes. Job in-
nocency. Gods decree is immutable.*

Then job answered and said,

1 *Even so day is my complaint bitter:
my stroke is heavier than my groaning.*

2 O that I knew where I might finde
him! that I might come even to his seat!

3 I would order my cause before him,
and fill my mouth with arguments.

4 I would know the words which he
would answer me, and understand what he
would say unto me.

5 Will he plead against me with his
great power? No, but he would put
strength in me.

6 There the righteous might dispute
with him; so should I be delivered for
ever from my judge.

7 Should I go forward, but he is not

9 On the left hand where he doth work,
but I cannot behold him: he hideth him-
self on the right hand; I cannot see him.

10 But he knoweth the way that I take;
when he hath tried me, I shall come forth
as gold.

11 My foot hath held his steps, his way
have I kept, and not declined.

12 Neither have I gone back from the
commandment of his lips, I have attem-
ed the words of his mouth, more than my
necessary food.

13 But he is in one mind, and who can
turn him? and what his soul desireth,
even that he doth.

14 For he performeth the thing that
is appointed for me: and many such
things *are* with him.

15 Therefore am I troubled at his pre-
sence: when I consider, I am afraid of him.

16 For God maketh my heart soft, and
the Almighty troubleth me:

17 Because I was not cut off before the
darkness, neither hath he covered the
darkness from my face.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 *Wickednes goeth often unpunished:
There is a secret judgement for the
wicked.*

W Hy, seeing times are not hidden
from the Almighty, do they that
know him, not see his dayes?

2 Some remove the land-marks; they
violently take away flocks, & feed therof.

3 They drive away the ass of the father-
lesse, they take y widowes ox for a pledge.

4 They turne the needy out of the way: the
poor of yearth hide themselves together.

5 Behold, ye wild asses in the desert, go
they forth to their work, rising beimes
for a prey: the wilderness ye feed food
for them and for their children.

6 They reap every one his corn in the
field: and they gather the vintage of the
wicked.

7 They cause the naked to lodge with-
out clothing, that they have no covering
in the cold.

8 They are wet with the shewes of the
mountains, and embrace the rock for
want of a shelter.

9 They pluck the fatherlesse from the
breast, and take a pledge of the poor.

10 They cause him to go naked without
clothing, and they take away the sheaf
from the hungry.

11 Which make oil within their walls, and
tread their winepresses, and suffer thirst.

12 Men graze from out of the city, and
the soul of the wounded crieth out: yea
God layeth not folly to them.

13 They are of those that rebell against
the light, they know not the wayes there-
of: nor abide in the path thereof.

14 They murdererising with the light,
killen the poor and needy, and in the
night is as a thief.

15 I be eye also of the adulterer wait-
eth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall
see me: and disguiseth his face.

16 In the dark they dig through houses,
which they had marked for themselves in
the day time: they know not the light.

17 For the morning is to them even as y
shadow of death: if one know them, they

are in the crops of the shadow of death.

18 He is swift as the waters, their portion is curled in the earth: he be- holdeth not the way of the vineyards.

19 Drought and heat consume the snow waters: so doth the grave those which have sinned.

20 The wombe shall forget him, the womb shall feed sweetly on him, he shall be no more remembered, and wickedness shall be broken as a tree.

21 He evil increaseth the barren that beareth not: & doth not good to y widow.

22 He draweth also the mighty with his power: he riseth up, and no man is sure of life.

23 Though it be given him to be in safety, whereon he reileth; yes his eyes are upon their ways.

24 They are exalted for a little while, but are gone and brought low: they are taken out of the way as all other, and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn.

25 And if it be not so now, who will make me a liar, and make my speech nothing worth?

CHAP. XXV.

Bildad sheweth that man cannot be justified before God.

THEN answered Bildad the Shubite, and said,

2 Dominion and fear are with him, he maketh peace in his high places.

3 Is there any number of his armies? and upon whom doth not his light arise?

4 How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean that is born of a woman?

5 Behold even to y moon, and it shineth not; yea the stars are not pure in his sight.

6 How much less man, that is a worm; and the son of man which is a worm?

CHAP. XXVI.

Job repraving the uncharitable spirit of Bildad, & acknowledgeth the power of God to be infinite and unsearchable.

BUT Job answered and said,

2 How hast thou helped him that is without power? how swellst thou the arm that hath no strength?

3 How hast thou counselled him that hath no wisdom? and how hast thou plentifully declared the thing, as it is?

4 To whom hast thou uttered words? and whose spirit came from thee?

5 Dead things are formed from under the waters, and the inhabitants thereof.

6 Hell is naked before him, and destruction hath no covering.

7 He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

8 He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds, & y cloud is not rent under them.

9 He holdeth back the face of his throne, and spreadeth his cloud upon it.

10 He hath compassed the waters with bounds, untill the day and night come to an end.

11 The pillars of heaven tremble, and are astonished at his reproof.

12 He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through the proud.

13 By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

14 Lo, these are parts of his ways, but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?

CHAP. XXVII.

Job protesteth his sincerity. 8 The hypocrite is without hope. 11 The blessings which the wicked have, are turned into curses.

MOREOVER, Job continued his parable, and said,

2 As God liveth, who hath taken away my judgement, and the Almighty, who hath vexed my soul;

3 All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;

4 My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.

5 God forbid that I should justify you: till I die, I will not remove my integrity from me.

6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not re- proach me so long as I live.

7 Let mine enemy be as y wicked, and he yrieth up against me, as the unrighteous.

8 For what is the hope of the hypo- crite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul?

9 Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him?

10 Will he delight himself in the Al- mighty? will he always call upon God?

11 I will teach you by the hand of God: that which is with the Almighty, will I not conceal.

12 Behold, all ye your selves have seen it, why then are ye thus altogether vain?

13 This is the portion of a wicked man with God, & the heritage of oppressours, which they shall receive of the Almighty.

14 If his children be multiplied, it is for the sword: and his off-spring shall not be satisfied with bread.

15 Those that remain of him shall be bur- ied in death: & his widows shall not weep.

16 Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare raiment as the clay;

17 He may prepare it, but the just shall put it on, and the innocent shall divide the silver.

18 He buildeth his house as a moth, and as a booth that the keeper maketh.

19 The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered: he openeth his eyes, and he is not.

20 Errors rake hold on him as waters, a tempest stealeth him away in the night.

21 The east-wind carrieth him away, and he departeth: and as a storm hurleth him out of his place.

22 For God shall cast upon him, and not spare: he would fain flee out of his hand.

23 Men shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place.

CHAP. XXVIII.

There is a knowledge of natural things. 12 But wisdom is an excellent gift of God.

SURELY, there is a vein for the silver, & a place for gold where they fine it.

2 Iron is taken out of the earth, and basse is molten out of the stone.

3 He setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth out all perfection: the stones of darkness and the shadow of death.

4 The flood breaketh out from the in- habitants; even the waters forgotten of the

the foot: they are dried up, they are gone away from men.

5 As for y^e earth, out of it cometh bread: and under it is turned up as it were fire.

6 The stones of it are the place of sapphires: and it hath dust of gold.

7 There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vultures eye hath not seen.

8 The lions whelps have not troden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it.

9 He putteth forth his hand upon the rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots.

10 He curerth out rivers among y^e rocks, and his eye seeth every precious thing.

11 He blindeth the floods from overflowing, and the thing that is hid, bringeth beforth to light.

12 But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?

13 Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of y^e living.

14 The depth said, It is not in me; and the sea saith, It is not with me.

15 It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.

16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, & the precious onyx, or the saphir.

17 The gold and the crystal cannot equal it; and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold.

18 No mention shall be made of corall, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies.

19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued & pure gold.

20 Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding?

21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air.

22 Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.

23 God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.

24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven.

25 To make the weight for the winds, and he weigheth the waters by measure.

26 When he made a decree for the rain, & a way for the lightning of the thunder:

27 Then did he see it, and declare it, he prepared it, yea and searched it out.

28 And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 Job bemoaneth himself of his former prosperity and honour.

Moreover, Job continued his parable, and said,

2 Oh that I were as in months past, as in the dayes when God preserved me:

3 When his candle shined upon my head, and when by his light I walked through darknesse:

4 As I was in y^e dayes of my youth, when y^e secret of God was upon my tabernacle:

5 When the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were about me:

6 When I walked my steps with bunter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil:

7 When I went out to the gate, through y^e city, when I prepared my seat in y^e street.

8 The young men saw me, and hid themselves: and the aged arose, and stood up.

9 The princes refrained talking, and laid their hand on their mouth.

10 The nobles held their peace, and their tongue cleaved to y^e roof of their mouth.

11 When the ear heard me, then it blessed me, and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me:

12 Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherlesse, and him that had none to help him.

13 The blessing of him that was ready to perish, came upon me; and I caused the widows heart to sing for joy.

14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgement was as a robe and a diademe.

15 I was eyes to the blinde, and feet was I to the lame.

16 I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not, I searched out.

17 And I brake the jaws of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth.

18 Then I said, I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply my dayes as the sand.

19 My root was spread out by y^e waters, & the dew lay all night upon my branch.

20 My glory was fresh in me, and my bow was renewed in my hand.

21 Unto men I gave ear, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel.

22 After my words they spake not again, and my speech dropped upon them.

23 And they waited for me, as for the rain, and they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain.

24 If I laughed on them, they beleaved it not, and the light of my countenance they cast not down.

25 I chose out their way, and far chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one that comforteth the mourners.

CHAP. XXX.

1 Jobs honour is turned into extreame calamity. 15 His prosperity into calamity.

But now they that are younger than I, have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock.

2 Yea, where to might the strength of their hands profit me, in whom old age was perished?

3 For want and famine they were solitary: fleeing into the wilderness in former time desolate and waste:

4 Who cut up mallows by the bushes, and juniper roots for their meat.

5 They were driven forth from among men, (they cried after them, as after a thief.)

6 To dwell in the clefts of the valleys, in caves of the earth, and in the rocks.

7 Among the bushes they brayed, under the nettles they were gathered together.

8 They were children of fools, yea, children of base men: they were viler than the earth.

9 And now am I their song; yea, I am their by-word.

10 They abhor me, they flee far from me, and spare not to spit in my face.

11 Because he hath loosed my cord and afflicted me, they have also let loose the bridle before me.

12 Upon my right hand rise the youth, they push away my feet, and they raise up against me the wayes of their destruction.

13 They mar my path, they set forward

my calamity, they have no helper :

14 They came upon me as a wide breaking in of waters : in the desolation they spoiled themselves upon me.

15 Terrors are turned upon me : they pursue my soul as the wind : and my welfare passeth away as a cloud.

16 And now my soul is poured out upon me ; the dayes of affliction have taken hold upon me.

17 My bones are pierced in me in the night season : and my sinews take no rest.

18 By the great force of my disease, is my garment changed : it bindeth me about as the collar of my coat.

19 He hath cast me into the mire, and I am become like dust and ashes.

20 I cry unto thee, & thou dost not hear me : I stand up, and thou regardest me not.

21 Thou art become cruel to me : with thy strong hand thou oppostest thy self against me.

22 Thou liftest me up to the wind : thou causest me to ride upon it, and dost foil my substance.

23 For I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living.

24 Howbeit he will not stretch out his hand to the grave, though they cry in his destruction.

25 Did not I weep for him y was in trouble was not my soul grieved for the poor?

26 When I looked for good, then evil came unto me : and when I waited for light, there came darkness.

27 My bowels boiled and rested not : the dayes of affliction prevented me :

28 I went mourning without the sun : I stood up, and I cried in y congregation.

29 I am a brother to dragons, and a companion to owls.

30 My skin is black upon me, and my bones are burnt with heat.

31 My harp also is turned to mourning, & my organ into y voice of them y weep.

CHAP. XXXI.

Job maketh a solemn protestation of his integrity in several duties.

Made a covenant with mine eyes; why should I think upon a maid?

3 For what portion of God is there from above? and what inheritance of the Almighty from on high?

4 Is not destruction to the wicked? and a strange punishment to workers of iniquity?

5 Doth not he see my wayes, and count all my steps?

6 If I have walked with vanity, or if my foot hath hastened to deceit;

7 Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity.

8 If my step hath turned out of the way, and mine heart walked after mine eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to my hands;

9 Then let me sowe, and let another ear; yea let my off-spring be rooted out.

10 If mine heart have been deceived by a woman, or if I have laid wait at my neighbours door :

11 Then let my wife grind unto another, & let others bow down upon her.

12 For this is an heinous crime, yea it is an iniquity to be punished by the judges.

13 For it is a fire that consumeth to destruction, and would root out all mine increase.

13 If I did despise the cause of my man-servant, or of my maid-servant, when they contended with me :

14 What then shall I do when God reth up? and what he visiteth, what shall I answer him?

15 Did not he that made me in the womb, make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb?

16 If I have withheld the poor from their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail :

17 Or have eaten my morsell my self alone, and the fatherlesse hath not eaten thereof :

18 (For from my youth he was brought up with me, as with a father, and I have guided her from my mothers womb)

19 If I have seen any perill for want of clothing, or any poor without covering :

20 If his loins have not blessed me, and if he were not warmed with the fleece of my sheep :

21 If I have lifted up my hand against the fatherlesse, when I saw my help in the gate :

22 Then let mine arm fall from my shoulder-blade, and mine arm be broken from the bone.

23 For destruction from God was a terror to me, and by reason of his highnesse I could not endure.

24 If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, Thou art my confidence :

25 If I rejoiced because my wealth was great, and because mine hand had gotten much :

26 If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking in brightness :

27 And my heart hath been secretly enriched, or my mouth hath kissed my hand :

28 This also were an iniquity to be punished by the judge : for I should have denied the God that is above.

29 If I rejoiced at the destruction of him that hated me, or lift up my self when evil found him :

30 (Neither have I suffered my mouth to sin, by wishing a curse to his soul)

31 If the men of my tabernacle said, Nor, Oh that we had of his flesh I we cannot be satisfied.

32 The stranger did not lodge in y street : but I opened my doors to the traveller.

33 If I covered my transgressions, as Adam : by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom.

34 Did I fear a great multitude, or did I contempt of families terrifie me : that I kept silence, and went not out of y door?

35 O that one would hear me! behold, my desire is, that the Almighty would answer me, and that mine adversary had written a book.

36 Surely I would take it upon my shoulder, and binde it as a crown to me.

37 I would declare unto him the number of my steps, as a prince would I go near unto him.

38 If my land cry against me, or that the furrows likewise thereof complain :

39 If I have eaten the fruits thereof without money, or have caused the owners thereof to lose their life :

40 Let thistles grow in stead of wheat, and cockle in stead of barley. The words of Job are ended.

Elihu reprooveth Job's friends. Chap. xxxij. xxxij. God calleth man to repentance.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 Elihu is angry with Job, and his three friends. 6 Because wisdom cometh not from age, he exhorteth the boldness of his youth. 11 He reprooveth them for not satisfying of Job. 16 His zeal to speak.

2 Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tongue hath spoken in my mouth. My words shall be of the upright-ness of my heart: and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly.

4 The spirit of God hath made me, the breath of the Almighty hath

5 If thou canst answer me, set thy words in order before me, stand up.

6 Behold, I am according to thy wish kindred of Man, against Job was his in Gods stead: I also am furnished out of wrath kindled, because he justified him- self rather than God.

7 Behold, my terror shall not make thee afraid, neither shall my hand be wrath kindled, because they had found heavie upon thee.

8 Surely thou hast spoken in mine ear no answer, and yet had condemned Job.

9 I am clean without transgression, I am innocent; neither is there iniquity in me.

10 Behold, he findeth occasions against me, he counted me for his enemy.

11 He putteth my feet in the stocks, he marketh all my paths.

12 Behold, in this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that God is greater than man.

13 Why dost thou strive against him? for he giveth nor account of any of his matters.

14 For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not.

15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumbings upon the bed:

16 Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction.

17 That he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man.

18 He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.

19 He isch stened also with pain upon his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong pain.

20 So that his life abhorreth bread, and his soul dainty meat.

21 His flesh is consumed away that it cannot be seen, and his bones that were not seen, stick out.

22 His soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers.

23 If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness:

24 Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit, I have found a ransom.

25 His flesh shall be fresher than a child's; he shall re-ven to the dayes of his youth.

26 He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him, and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness.

27 He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not:

28 He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, & his life shall see the light.

29 Lo, all these things worketh God oftentimes with man,

30 To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened of the light of the living.

31 Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me, hold thy peace, and I will speak.

32 If thou hast any thing to say, answer me: speak, for I desire to justify thee.

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God cannot be unjust.

Job.

The unfaithfull are not heard.

33 If not, hearken unto me; hold thy peace, and I shall teach thee wisdom.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 *Elihu accuseth Job for charging God with injustice.* 10 *God omnipotent cannot against a man only:* 31 *Man must humble himself unto God.* 34 *Elihu reproverth Job.*

Furthermore Elihu answered and said, 2 Hear my words, O ye wise men, and give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge.

3 For the ear trieth words, as the mouth tasteth meat.

4 Let us chool to us judgement: let us know among our selves what is good.

5 For Job hath said, I am righteous; and God hath taken away my judgement.

6 Should I lie against my right? my wound is incurable without transgression.

7 What man is like too, who drinketh up scorning like water?

8 Which goeth in companie with the workers of iniquity, and walketh with wicked men.

9 For he hath said, It profiteth a man nothing, that he should delight himself with God.

10 Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding: far be it from God, that he should do wickedness, and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.

11 For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to finde according to his wayes.

12 Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgement.

13 Who hath given him a charge over the earth? or who hath disposed the whole world?

14 If he set his heart upon man, if he gather unto himself his spirit & his breath;

15 All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.

16 If now thou hast understanding, hear this: hearken to the voice of my words.

17 Shall even he y haeth right govern? and wilt thou condemn him? is not just?

18 *Is it fit to say to a king, Thou art wicked, and to princes, Ye are ungodly?*

19 *How much lesse to him that accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more then the poor? for they all are the work of his hands.*

20 In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and passe away: and the mighty shall be taken away without hand.

21 For his eyes are upon the wayes of man, and he seeth all his goings.

22 *There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.*

23 For he will not lay upon man more *then right*; that he should enter into judgement with God.

24 He shall break in pieces mighty men without number, and set others in their stead.

25 Therefore he knoweth their works, and he overturneth them in the night, so that they are destroyed.

26 He striketh them as wicked men in the open sight of others:

27 Because they turned back from him, and would put confiderancy of his wayes.

28 So that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto him, and he heareth the cry of the afflicted.

29 When he giveth quietnesse, who then can make trouble? and when he hideth his face, who then can behold him? whether it be done against a nation, or against a man only:

30 That the hypocrite reign not, lest the people be ensnared.

31 Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have born chastisement, I will not offend any more.

32 *That which I see not, teach thou me; if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.*

33 *Should it be according to thy mind? he will recompense it, whether thou refuse, or whether thou chool, and not I: therefore I speak what thou knowest.*

34 Let men of understanding tell me, and let a wise man hearken unto me.

35 Job hath spoken without knowledge, and his words were without wisdom.

36 My desire is that Job may be tried unto the end, because of his answers for wicked men.

37 For he addeth rebellion unto his sin, he clappeth his hands amongst us, and multiplieth his words against God.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 *Comparison is not to be made with God, because our good or evil cannot extend unto him.* 9 *Many cry in their afflictions, but are not heard for want of faith.*

Elihu spake moreover, and said,

2 Thinkest thou this to be right, that thou saidst, My righteousness is more then Gods?

3 For thou saidst, What advantage will it be unto thee, and what profit shall I have if I be cleansed from my sin?

4 I will answer thee, and thy companions with thee.

5 Look unto y heavens, & see and behold the clouds which are higher then thou.

6 If thou sinnest, what doest thou against him? or if thy transgressions be multiplied, what doest thou unto him?

7 If thou be righteous, what givest thou him? or what receiveth he of thine hand?

8 Thy wickedness may hurt a man as thou art, and thy righteousness may profit the son of man.

9 By reason of the multitude of oppressions, they make the oppressed to cry: they cry out by reason of the arm of y mighty.

10 But none faith, Where is God my Maker, who giveth songs in the night?

11 Who teacheth us more then the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser then the fowls of heaven.

12 There they cry, (but none giveth answer) because of the pride of evil men.

13 Surely God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it.

14 Although thou sayest thou shalt not see him, yet judgement is before him, therefore trust thou in him.

15 But now because it is not so, he hath visited in his anger. yet he knoweth it not in great extremity:

16 Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vain: he multiplieth words without knowledge.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 *Elihu sheweth how Gods is just in his wayes.* 16 *How Jobs sins hinder Gods blessing.*

24 *Gods works are to be magnified.*

Elihu also proceeded, and said,

25 Suffer me a little, & I will shew thee, that

that I have yet to speak on Gods behalf.

3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar, & will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.

4 For truly, my words shall not be false: he that is perfect in knowledge is with thee.

5 Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any: he is mighty in strength and wisdom.

6 He preserveth not the life of the wicked: but giveth right to the poor.

7 He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous: but with kings are they on the throne; yea, he doth establish them for ever, and they are exalted.

8 And if they be bound in fetters, and be holden in cords of affliction:

9 Then he sheweth them their work, and their transgressions: they have exceeded.

10 He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity.

11 If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their dayes in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

12 But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.

13 But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath: they cry now when he bindeth them.

14 They die in youth, and their life is among the unclean.

15 He delivereth y poor in his affliction, and openeth their ears in oppression.

16 Even so would he have removed thee out of the strait into a broad place, where there is no straitness, and that which should be set on thy table, should be full of fardels.

17 But thou hast fulfilled the judgement of the wicked: judgement and justice take hold on thee.

18 Because there is wrath, beware lest he take thee away with his stroke: then a great ransom cannot deliver thee.

19 Will he esteem thy riches? no not gold, nor all the forces of strength.

20 Desire not the night, when people are curled in their sleep.

21 Take heed, regard not iniquity: for this hast thou chosen rather than affliction.

22 Behold, God exalteth by his power: who teacheth like him?

23 Who hath enjoyed him his way? or who can say, Thou hast wrought iniquity?

24 Remember that thou magnific his work, which men behold.

25 Every man may see it, man may behold it afar off.

26 Behold, God is great, and we know him not, neither can the number of his years be searched out.

27 For he maketh small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapour thereof:

28 Which the clouds do drop, and distill upon man abundantly.

29 Also can any understand the spreadings of the clouds, or the noise of his tabernacle?

30 Behold, he spreadeth his light upon it, and covereth the bottom of the sea.

31 For by them judgeth he the people, he giveth meat in abundance.

32 With clouds he covereth the light; and commandeth it not to shine, by the clouds that cometh between.

33 The noise thereof sheweth concerning it, the earrel also concerning the vapour.

CHAP. XXXVII.

1 God is to be feared because of his great works. 15 His wisdom is unsearchable in them.

THIS also my heart trembleth, and is moved out of his place.

2 Hear attentively the noise of his voice, and the sound that goeth out of his mouth.

3 He directeth it under y whole heaven, & his lightning unto the ends of y earth.

4 After it a voice roareth: he thundereth & the voice of his excellency, and he will not stay them when his voice is heard.

5 God thundereth marvellously with his voice, great things doth he, which we cannot comprehend.

6 For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth; likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength.

7 He sealeth up the hand of every man; that all men may know his work.

8 Then the beasts go into dens, and remain in their places.

9 Out of the south cometh the whirlwinde: and cold out of the north.

10 By the breath of God, frost is given; & the breadth of the waters is straitened.

11 Also by watering he wearyeth y thicke cloud: he scattereth his bright cloud.

12 And it is turned round about by his counsels: that they may do whatsoever he commandeth them upon the face of the world in the earth.

13 He causeth it to come, whether for correction, or for his land, or for mercy.

14 Hearken unto this, O Job: stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God.

15 Dost thou know when God disposed them, and caused the light of his cloud to shine?

16 Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge?

17 How thy garments are warm, when he quieteth the earth by the south winde?

18 Hast thou with him spread out the skie, which is strong, and as a molten looking-glasse?

19 Teach us what we shall say unto him; for we cannot order our speech by reason of darknesse.

20 Shall it be told him y I speak? If a man speak, surely he shall be swallowed up.

21 And now men see not the bright light which is in the clouds: but the winde passeth and cleanse them.

22 Fair weather cometh out of the north: with God is terrible majesty.

23 Touching the Almighty, we cannot finde him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgement, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.

24 Men do therefore fear him: he respecteth not any that are wise of heart.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 God challengeth Job to answer. 4 God, by his mighty works, convinceth Job of ignorance. 31 and of imbecillitie.

THEN the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwinde, and said,

2 Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?

3 Gird up now thy loins like a man

for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.

4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner-stone thereof?

7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy.

8 Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth as if it had issued out of the womb?

9 When I made the clond the garment thereof, and thick darknesse a swadling band for it,

10 And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors,

11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed.

12 Hast thou commanded the morning since thy dayes? and caused the day-spring to know his place,

13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it?

14 It is turned as clay to the seal, and they stand as a garment.

15 And from yewicked their light is withholden, and the high arm shall be broken.

16 Hast thou entred into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?

17 Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?

18 Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all.

19 Where is the way where light dwelleth? and as for darknesse, where is the place thereof?

20 That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldest know the paths to the house thereof?

21 Knowest thou it, because thou wast then born? or because the number of thy dayes is great?

22 Hast thou entred into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail,

23 Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battel and war?

24 By what way is y light parted? which scattereth the east-winde upon the earth?

25 Who hath divided a water-courfe for the overflowing of waters? or a way for the lightning of thunder,

26 To cause it to rain on the earth, where no man is: on the wilderness wherein there is no man?

27 To satisfy the desolate and waste ground, and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?

28 Hast the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of the dew?

29 Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who hath gendred it?

30 The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.

31 Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?

32 Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season, or canst thou guide Arcturus with his fons?

33 Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?

34 Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee?

35 Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we are?

36 Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the heart?

37 Who can number y clouds in wisdom? or who can stay the bottles of heaven,

38 When the dust groweth into hardnesse, and the clods cleave fast together?

39 Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion? or fill the appetite of the young lions,

40 When they couch in their dens, and abide in the covert to lie in wait?

41 Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat.

CHAP. XXXIX.

1 Of the wilde goats and hinder 5 Of the wilde asse, 9 the unicorn, 13 the peacock, stork, and ostrich, 19 the horse, 26 the hawk, 27 the eagle.

Knowest thou the time when the wilde goats of the rock bring forth? or canst thou mark when the hinds do calve?

2 Canst thou number the moneths that they fulfill? or knowest thou the time when they bring forth?

3 They bowe themselves, they bring forth their young ones, they cast out their sorrows.

4 Their young ones are in good liking, they grow up with corn: they go forth, and return not unto them.

5 Who hath sent out the wilde asse free? or who hath loosed y bands of y wilde asse?

6 Whose house I have made the wilderness, and the barren land his dwellings.

7 He scorneth y multitude of y city, neither regardeth he y crying of the driver.

8 The range of the mountains is his pasture, and he searcheth after every green thing.

9 Will the unicorn be willing to serve thee, or abide by thy crib?

10 Canst thou binde the unicorn with his band in the furrow? or will he harrow the valleys after thee?

11 Wilt thou trust him because his strength is great? or wilt thou leave thy labour to him?

12 Wilt thou beleve him y he will bring home thy feed, & gather it into thy barn?

13 Givest thou the goodly wings unto the peacocks, or wings and feathers unto the ostrich?

14 Which leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in the dust.

15 And forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the wilde beast may break them.

16 She is hardened against her young ones, as though they were not hers: her labour is in vain without fear.

17 Because God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he imparted to her understanding.

18 What time she lifteth up her self on high, she scorneth the horse and his rider.

19 Hast thou given the horse strength?
hast thou clothed his neck with thunder?

20 Canst thou make him afraid as a grasshopper? y^e glory of his nostrils is terrible.

21 He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in his strength: he goeth on to meet the armed men.

22 He mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted; neither turneth he back from the sword.

23 The quiver rarieth against him, the glittering spear and the shield.

24 He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage: neither believeth he that it is the sound of the trumpet.

25 He saith among the trumpets, Ha, ha; & he smelleth the battell afar off, y^e thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

26 Dost thou hawk thee by thy wisdom, and stretch her wings toward the south?

27 Dost thou eagle mount up, as thy command, and make her nest on high?

28 She dwelleth & abideth on the rock, upon y^e crag of y^e rock, & the strong place.

29 From thence she seeketh the prey, and her eyes behold afar off.

30 Her young ones also suck up blood: and where the slain are, there is she.

CHAP. XL.

1 Job humbleth himself to God. 6 God stirreth him up to shew his righteousness, power, and wisdom. 15 Of the behemoth.

Moreover the LORD answered Job, and said,

2 Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty, instruct him? he that reprovethe God, let him answer it.

3 ¶ Then Job answered y^e LORD, & said, 4 Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.

5 Once have I spoken, but I will not answer: yea, twice, but I will proceed no further.

6 ¶ Then answered the LORD unto Job out of the whirlwinde, and said,

7 Gird up thy loins now like a man: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

8 Wilt thou also disanull my judgement? wilt thou condemn me that thou mayest be righteous?

9 Hast thou an arme like God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like him?

10 Deck thy self now with majestie and excellency, and array thy self with glory and beauty.

11 Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath: & behold every one y^e is proud, & abase him.

12 Look on every one that is proud, and bring him low: and tread down the wicked in their place.

13 Hide them in the dust together, and blinde their faces in secret.

14 Then will I also confesse unto thee, that thine own right hand can save thee.

15 ¶ Behold now behemoth which I made with thee, he eateth grass as an ox.

16 Lo now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly.

17 He moveth his tail like a cedar: the finery of his bones are wrapt together.

18 His bones are as strong pieces of brass, his bones are like bars of iron.

19 He is the chief of the wayes of God: he that made him, can make his sword to approach unto him.

20 Surely the mountains bring him forth food: where all the beasts of y^e field play.

21 He lieth under the shady trees, in the covert of the reed, and fens.

22 The shady trees cover him with their shadow: the willows of the brook compass him about.

23 Behold, he drinketh up a river, and halseth not: he trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth.

24 He taketh it with his eyes: his nose pierceth through snares.

CHAP. XLI.

Of Gods great power in the Leviathan.

Canst thou draw out Leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down?

2 Canst thou put an hook into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn?

3 Will he make many supplications unto thee? will he speak soft words unto thee?

4 Will he make a covenant with thee? wilt thou take him for a servant for ever?

5 Wilt thou play with him as with a bird? wilt thou binde him for thy maidens?

6 Shall the companions make a banquet of him? shall they part him among the merchants?

7 Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons? or his head with fish-spears?

8 Lay thine hand upon him, remember the battell, do no more.

9 Behold, the hope of him is in vain: shall not on be cast down, even at the sight of him?

10 None is so fierce that dare stir him up: who then is able to stand before me?

11 Who hath prevented me that I should repay him? whatsoever is under the whole heaven is mine.

12 I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion.

13 Who can discover the face of his garment? or who can come to him with his double bridle?

14 Who can open the doors of his face? his teeth are terrible round about.

15 His scales are his pride, shut up together as with a close seal.

16 One is so near to another, that no air can come between them.

17 They are joyned one to another, they stick together, y^e they cannot be separated.

18 By his needings a light doth shine, and his eyes are like the eye-lids of the morning.

19 Out of his mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire leap out.

20 Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as out of a seething pot or caldron.

21 His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth.

22 In his neck remaineth strength, and sorrow is turned in joy before him.

23 The flakes of his flesh are joyned together: they are firm in themselves, they cannot be moved.

24 His heart is as firm as a stone, yea as hard as a piece of theether mil-stone.

25 When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are afraid: by reason of breakings they purifieth themselves.

26 The sword of him that layeth at him cannot hold: the spear, the dart, nor the habergeon.

27 He esteemeth iron as straw, and brass as rotten wood.

22 The arrow cannot make him flee: *sling-bullocks, and seven rams, and go to my* stones are turned with him into stubble. *servant Job, and offer up for your selves*
 23 Darts are counted as stubble: he *a burnt-offering, and my servant Job* laugheth at the shaking of a spear. *I shall pray for you, for him will I accept:*
 30 Sharp stones are under him: he *lest I deal with you after your folly, in* spreadeth sharp-pointed things upon *that ye have not spoken of me the thing* which is right, like my servant Job.

31 He maketh y deep to boil like a pot: *9 So Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bil-* he maketh the sea like a pot of ointment. *dad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Na-*
 32 He maketh a path to shine after him; *mathite went, and did according as the* one would think the deep to be hoary. *LORD commanded them: the LORD*

33 Upon earth there is not his like: *also accepted Job.* who is made without fear.

34 He holdeth all high things: he is *10 And the LORD turned the captivi-* king over all the children of pride. *ty of Job, when he prayed for his friends:* also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

C H A P. XLII.

1 Job submitteth himself unto God. 7 God *11 Then came there unto him all his* preferring Job's cause, maketh his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they *friends submit themselves, and accept-* that had been of his acquaintance be- *th him. 10 He magnifieth and blest-* fore, and did eat bread with him in his

Job. 16 Job's age and death. *house: and they bemoaned him, and com-* **T**hen Job answered the LORD, & said. *forre him over all the evil that the* I know that thou canst do every *LORD had brought upon him: every* thing, and that no thought can be with- *man also gave him a piece of money, and* holden from thee. *every one an ear-ring of gold.*

3 Who is he that hideth counsel with- *12 So the LORD blessed the latter* out knowledge? therefore have I uttered *end of Job more then his beginning: for* that I understood not, things too won- *he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six* derfull forme, which I knew not. *thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of*

4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will *oxen, and a thousand the-asses.* speak: I will demand of thee, and declare *13 He had also seven sons and three* thou unto me. *daughters.*

5 I have heard of thee by the hearing *14 And he called the name of the first, Je-* of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. *mima, and the name of the second, Kezia,*

6 Wherefore I abhor my self, and re- *and the name of the third, Kerenhappuch.* pent in dust and ashes.

7 ¶ And it was so, that after the *15 And in all the land were no women* LORD had spoken these words unto *found so far as the daughters of Job:* Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the *and their father gave them inheritances* Temanite, My wrath is kindled against *among their brethren.*

thee, and against thy two friends: for ye *16 After this lived Job an hundred and* have not spoken of me the thing that is *fourty years, and saw his sons, and his* right, as my servant Job hath. *sons sons, even four generations.*

17 So Job died being old, and full of *18 Therefore take unto you now seven dayes.*

The book of P S A L M S.

P S A L. I.

1 The happiness of the godly. 4 The *3 Let us break their bands asunder,* unhappiness of the ungodly. *and cast away their cords from us.*

Blessed is the man that walketh not *4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall* in the counsel of the ungodly, nor *laugh: LORD shall have them in derision.* standeth in the way of sinners, nor *5 Then shall he speak unto them in his* stretcheth in the fear of the scornfull. *wrath, & vex them in his fore displeasure.*

2 But his delight is in the law of the *6 Yet have I set my king upon my ho-* LORD, and in his law doth he meditate *ly hill of Sion.* day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by *7 I will declare the decree: the LORD* the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his *hath said unto me, Thou art my son,* fruit in his season: his leaf also shall not *this day have I begotten thee.* wither, & whatsoever he doth shall prosper.

4 The ungodly are not so: but are like *8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the* the chaff which the wind driveth away. *heaven for thine inheritance & the utter-*

5 Therefore shall the ungodly shall not *most parts of the earth for thy possession.* stand in the judgement, nor sinners in *9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of* the congregation of the righteous. *iron, thou shalt dash them in pieces like*

6 For the LORD knoweth the way of *a potter's vessel.* the righteous: but the way of the un- *10 Be wise now therefore, O ye king:* godly shall perish. *be instructed ye judges of the earth.*

P S A L. II.

1 The kingdom of Christ. 10 Kings are *11 Serve the LORD with fear, and* exhorted to accept it. *rejoyce with trembling.*

Why do the heathen rage, and the *12 Kiss the son lest he be angry, and* people imagine vain thing? *ye perish from the way, when his wrath*

2 The kings of the earth set them- *is kindled but a little: Blessed are all* selves, and the rulers take counsel to- *they that put their trust in him.* gether, against the LORD, and against *P S A L. III.*

his anointed, saying, *The security of Gods protection.*

A psalm of David when he fled from *Abalom his son.*

LORD, how are they increased that *trouble me? many are they that*

rise up against me.

2 Many there be which say of my soul,
There is no help for him in God. Selah.

3 But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me;
my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

4 I cryed unto the LORD with my voice,
& he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah.

5 I laid me down and slept; I awaked,
for the LORD sustained me.

6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands
of people, that have set themselves
against me round about.

7 Arise, O LORD, save me, O my
God; for thou hast smitten all mine ene-
mies upon the cheek-bone: thou hast
broken the teeth of the ungodly.

8 Salvation is longerth unto the LORD:
thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah.

PSAL. III.

1 David prayeth for audience. 2 He
reproveh and exhorteth his enemies.

3 Many happiness is in Gods favour.

To the chief musician upon Neginoth;

A psalm of David.

Hear me, when I call. O God of my
righteousness: thou hast enlarged
me when I was in distress, have mercy
upon me, and hear my prayer.

2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye
turn my glory into shame? how long will ye
love vanity, and seek after leasing? Selah.

3 But know that the LORD hath set
apart him that is godly, for himself: the
LORD will hear when I call unto him.

4 Stand in awe, and sin not: commune
with your own heart upon your bed, and
be still. Selah.

5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness:
and put your trust in the LORD.

6 There be many that say, who will
shew us any good? LORD lift thou up
the light of thy countenance upon us.

7 Thou hast purged Israel in my heart,
more then in the time that their corn
and their wine increased.

8 I will both lay me down in peace,
and sleep: for thou LORD onely makest
me dwell in safety.

PSAL. V.

1 David prayeth, & professeth his study in
prayer. 2 God favoureth not the wicked.

3 David professing his faith, prayeth
unto God to guide him, 10 to destroy his
enemies, 11 and to preserve him godly.

To the chief musician upon Nehiloth;

A psalm of David.

Give ear to my words, O LORD, con-
sider my meditation.

2 Hearken unto the voice of my cry,
my king, and my God: for unto thee
will I pray.

3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morn-
ing, O LORD; in the morning will I di-
rect my prayer unto thee, & will look up.

4 For thou art not a God that hath
pleasure in wickedness: neither shall
evil dwell with thee.

5 The foolish shall not stand in thy
sight: thou hast all workers of iniquity.

6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak
leasing: the LORD will abhorre the blou-
dy and deceitfull man.

7 But as for me, I will come into thy
house in the multitude of thy mercy: and
in thy fear will I worship toward thy
holy temple.

8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righte-

ousness, because of mine enemies; make
thy way straight before my face.

9 For there is no faithfulness in their
mouth, their inward part is very wic-
kedness; their throat is an open sepul-
chre, they flatter with their tongue.

10 Destroy thou them, O God: let them
fall by their own counsels: cast them out
in the multitude of their transgressions;
for they have rebelled against thee.

11 But let all those that put their trust in
thee, rejoice: let them ever shout for joy,
because thou defendest them: let them al-
so that love thy name, be joyfull in thee.

12 For thou, LORD, wilt bless the
righteous, with favour wilt thou com-
passe him as with a shield.

PSAL. VI.

1 David complaining in his sickness. 3 By
faith he triumpheth over his enemies.

To the chief musician upon Neginoth upon
Sheminith, A psalm of David.

OLORD, rebuke me not in thine an-
ger, neither chasten me in thy bo-
rulence.

2 Have mercy upon me, O LORD,
for I am weak: O LORD heal me, for
my bones are vexed.

3 My soul is also sore vexed: but
thou, O LORD, how long?

4 Return, O LORD, deliver my soul:
Oh save me for thy mercies sake.

5 For in death there is no remembrance
of thee: in the grave who shall give
thee thanks?

6 I am weary with my groaning, all
the night make I my bed to swim: I wa-
ter my couch with my tears.

7 Mine eyes are consumed because of grief,
it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.

8 Depart from me, all ye workers of
iniquity: for the LORD hath heard the
voice of my weeping.

9 The LORD hath heard my supplica-
tion; the LORD will receive my prayer.

10 Let all mine enemies be ashamed
and sore vexed: let them return and be
ashamed suddenly.

PSAL. VII.

1 David prayeth against the malice of
his enemies, professing his innocency.

2 By faith he seeketh his defence, and
the destruction of his enemies.

Shigaion of David, which he sang unto
the LORD, concerning the words of
Cuth the Benjamite.

OLORD my God, in thee do I put
my trust: save me from all them that
persecute me, and deliver me.

2 Let he rear my soul like a lion:
renting it in pieces, while there is none
to deliver.

3 O LORD my God, if I have done
this; if there be iniquity in my hands;

4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that
was at peace with me; (yea, I have delivered
him that without cause is mine enemy)

5 Let the enemy persecute my soul,
and take it, yea, let him tread down my
life upon the earth, and lay mine ho-
nour in the dust. Selah.

6 Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift
up thy self, because of the rage of mine
enemies: stand awake for me, O LORD, for
mine enemy hath commanded.

7 So shall the congregation of the
people compass thee about: for their

fares therefore return thou on high.

8 The LORD shall judge the people; he shall destroy the wicked; thou shalt praise him, O LORD, according to my out-
righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me.

9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked destroyed cities, their memorial is become to an end, but establish the just: for righteousness.

10 My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart.

11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

12 If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.

13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.

14 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.

15 He made a pit and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made.

16 His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.

17 I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.

PSAL. VIII.

God's glory is magnified by his works and by his love to man.

To the chief musician upon Gittith.

A Psalm of David.

O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained;

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man that thou visitest him?

5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

6 Thou hast made him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet.

7 All sheep and oxen; yea, and the beasts of the field:

8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

PSAL. IX.

David praiseth God for executing of judgment. 11 He inciteth others to praise him. 13 He prayeth that he may have cause to praise him.

To the chief musician upon Muth-labben.

A Psalm of David.

I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart, I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.

3 When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause, thou hast set in the throne judging right.

5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked; thou shalt praise him, O LORD, for ever and ever.

6 O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: and thou shalt be destroyed with them.

7 But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgement.

8 And he shall judge the world in righteousness: he shall minister judgement to the people in uprightness.

9 The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

11 Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings.

12 When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the humble.

13 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, consider my trouble, which I suffer of them that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death:

14 That I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.

15 The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the net which they hid, is their own foot taken.

16 The LORD is known by the judgement which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands, Higgaion, Selah.

17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19 Arise, O LORD, let not man prevail, let thy heaviness be judged in thy sight.

20 Put them in fear, O LORD: that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah.

PSAL. X.

David complaineth to God of the outrage of the wicked. 12 He prayeth for remedy. 16 He professeth his confidence.

Why standest thou afar off, O LORD? why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?

2 The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices, that they have imagined.

3 For the wicked boasteth of his heart desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth.

4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

5 His ways are always grievous; thy judgements are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.

6 He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for I shall never be in adversity.

7 His mouth is full of cursing, and deceit, and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity.

8 He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor.

9 He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den : he lieth in wait to catch the poor : he doth catch the poor when he draweth him into his net.

10 He croucheth, and humbleth himself that the poor may fall by his strong ones.

11 He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten : he hideth his face, he will never see it.

12 Arise, O LORD, O God lift up thine hand : forget not the humble.

13 Wherefore doth the wicked contemne God ? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not requirer it.

14 Thou hast seen it, for thou beholdest mischief and spite to require it with thy hand : the poor committeth himself unto thee, thou art the helper of y fatherlesse.

15 Break thou the arm of the wicked, and the evil man : seek out his wickedness till thou finde none.

16 The LORD is king for ever & ever : the heathen are perished out of his land.

17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble : thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear :

18 To judge the fatherlesse and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppresse.

PSAL. XI.

1 David encourageth himself in God against his enemies. 4 The providence and justice of God.

To the chief musician, A psalm of David. **I**N the LORD put I my trust : how say I ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain ?

2 For lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string : that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.

3 If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do ?

4 The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORDS throne is in heaven : his eyes behold, his eye-lids try y children of men.

5 The LORD trieth the righteous : but the wicked and him that loveth violence, his soul hateth.

6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest, this shall be the portion of their cup.

7 For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness, his countenance doth behold the upright.

PSAL. XII.

1 David desires of humane comfort, craveth help of God. 3 He comforteth himself with Gods judgement on the wicked, and confidence in Gods tried promiser.

To the chief musician upon Sheminith, A psalm of David.

Help LORD, for the godly man ceaseth : for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

2 They speak vanity every one with his neighbour : with flattering lips, and with a double heart do they speak.

3 The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things.

4 Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail, our lips are our own : who is Lord over us ?

5 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise (saith the LORD) I will set him in

safety from him that persecuteth him.

6 The words of the LORD are pure words : as silver tried in the furnace of earth, purified severen times.

7 Thou shalt keep them (O LORD) thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

8 The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.

PSAL. XIII.

1 David complaineth of delay in help.

3 He prayeth for preventing grace.

5 He boasteth of divine mercy.

To the chief musician, A psalm of David.

How long wilt thou forget me (O LORD) for ever ? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me ?

2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily ? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me ?

3 Consider and hear me, O LORD my God : lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death.

4 Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him : and those that trouble me, rejoyce when I am moved.

5 But I have trusted in thy mercy, my heart shall rejoyce in thy salvation.

6 I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

PSAL. XIII.

1 David describeth the corruption of a naturall man. 4 He convinceth the wicked by the light of their conscience.

7 He glorieth in the salvation of God.

To y chief musician, A psalm of David.

The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God : they are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doth good.

2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men : to see if there were any y did understand, and seek God.

3 They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy : there is none that doth good, no none.

4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge, who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the LORD.

5 There were they in great fear : for God is in the generation of the righteous.

6 You have despised the counsel of the poor : because the LORD is his refuge.

7 O that y salvation of Israel were come out of Sion ! when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoyce, and Israel shall be glad.

PSAL. XV.

David describeth a citizen of Sion.

A psalm of David.

LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle ? who shall dwell in thy holy hill ?

2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

3 His ear hath backbiteth nor y his tongue, nor doth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned ; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD : he that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

5 He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doth these things, shall never be moved.

PSAL.

PSAL. XVI.

1 David in distrust of men, and hatred of idolatry, fleeth to God for preservation. 5 He sheweth the hope of his calling, of the resurrection, and life everlasting.

Micham of David.

Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

2 O my soul, thou hast said unto the LORD, I thou art my Lord: my goodness extendeth not to thee:

3 But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent in whom is all my delight.

4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied, that hasten after another god: their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names unto my lips.

5 The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

8 I have set the LORD alwayes before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory joyceeth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine holy One to be corrupted.

11 Thou wilt shew me y path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy, at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

PSAL. XVII.

1 David in confidence of his integrity, craveth defence of God against his enemies. 10 He sheweth their pride, craft, and eagerness. 13 He prayeth against them in confidence of his hope.

A prayer of David.

Hear the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer that goeth not out of feigned lips.

2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence: let thine eyes behold the things that are equal.

3 Thou hast proved mine heart, thou hast visited me in the night, thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing: I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgres.

4 Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips, I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.

5 Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my foot shall not slip nor.

6 I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.

7 Show thy marvellous loving kindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand, them which put their trust in thee, from those that rise up against them.

8 Keep me as the apple of the eye: hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

9 From the wicked that oppress me, from my deadly enemies, who compass me about.

10 They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly.

11 They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes looking down to the earth.

12 Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, which is thy sword:

14 From men which are thy hand, O LORD: from men of the world, which have their portion in this life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid treasure: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes.

15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

PSAL. XVIII.

David praisth God for his manifold and marvellous blessings.

To the chief musician, A Psalm of David, the servant of the LORD, who spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: And he said,

I will love thee, O LORD my strength.

2 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer: my God, my strength in whom I will trust, my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

3 I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

4 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.

5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

6 In my distresse I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

7 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.

8 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

9 He bowed the heavens also and came down: and darkness was under his feet.

10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

11 He made darkness his secret place: his pavilion round about him, were dark waters, and thick clouds of the skies.

12 At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail-stones and coals of fire.

13 The LORD also hundreded in the heavens, and the highest gave his voice; hail-stones and coals of fire.

14 Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.

15 Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of y world were discovered: at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

16 He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters.

17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.

18 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.

19 He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

20 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

21 For I have kept the wayes of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

22 For all his judgements were before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.

23 I was also upright before him: and I kept myself from mine iniquity.

24 Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eye-sight.

25 With the mercifull thou wilt shew thy self mercifull, with an upright man thou wilt shew thy self upright.

26 With the pure thou wilt shew thy self pure, and with the froward thou wilt shew thy self froward.

27 For thou wilt save the afflicted people: but wilt bring down high looks.

28 For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

29 For by thee I have run through a troop: and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

30 As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

31 For who is God save the LORD? or who is a rock save our God?

32 It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.

33 He maketh my feet like hindes feet, and setteth me upon my high places.

34 He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me; that my feet did not slip.

37 I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed.

38 I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet.

39 For thou hast girded me with strength unto battel: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.

40 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies: that I might destroy them that hate me.

41 They cried, but there was none to save them: even unto the LORD, but he answered them not.

42 Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.

43 Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people: and thou hast made me the head of many heathen: whom I have not known shall serve me.

44 As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me.

45 The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places.

46 The LORD liveth. & blessed be my rock, & let the God of my salvation be exalted.

47 It is God that avengeth me, and subdueth the people under me.

48 He delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

49 Therefore will I give thanks unto thee (O LORD) among the heathen: and sing praises unto thy name.

50 Great deliverance giveth he to his king: and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore.

PSALM. XIX.

1 The creatures shew Gods glory, 7 The word his grace. 12 David prayeth for grace.

To the chief musician. A psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God: &

2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world: in them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

5 which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

6 His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgement of the LORD is true, and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold; yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also then honey, and the honey-comb.

11 Moreover, by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

12 Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.

13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins, let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright: and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD my strength and my redeemer.

PSALM. XX.

1 The church bleisseth the king in his exploits. 7 Her confidence in Gods succour.

To the chief musician. A psalm of David. The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble, the name of the God of Jacob defend thee.

2 Send thee help from the sanctuary: and strengthen thee out of Sion.

3 Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt-sacrifice. Selah.

4 Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel.

5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, & in the name of our God we will set up our

A thanksgiving for victory.

Psalms.

David's prayer in distress.

banners: **Y** LORD fulfill all thy petitions.
6 Now know I, that the LORD saveth his anointed: he will hear him from his holy heaven, with the saving strength of his right hand.

7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

8 They are brought down and fallen, but we are risen and stand upright.

9 Save LORD, let the king hear us when we call.

PSAL. XXI.

1 *A thanksgiving for victory. 7 Confidence of further success.*

To the chief musician, A psalm of David.

Theking shall joy in thy strength, O LORD: and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

2 Thou hast given him his hearts desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah.

3 For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.

4 He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him; even length of days for ever and ever.

5 His glory is great in thy salvation, honour & majesty hast thou laid upon him.

6 For thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.

7 For the king trusteth in the LORD, and through the mercy of the most High, he shall not be moved.

8 Thine hand shall finde out all thine enemies, thy right hand shall finde out those that hate thee.

9 Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven brethren in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.

10 Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men.

11 For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischievous device, which they are not able to perform.

12 Therefore shalt thou make them turn their back, when thou shalt make ready thine arrows upon thy strings, against the face of them.

13 Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: so will we sing and praise thy power.

PSAL. XXII.

1 *David complaineth in great discouragement. 9 He prayeth in great distress.*

23 *He praiseth God.*

To the chief musician upon Aijeleth Shabar, A psalm of David.

MY God, my God why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

2 O my God, I cry in the day time, but thou hearest not: and in the night season, and am not silent.

3 But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

4 Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

6 But thou art weary, and no man; a re-

proach of men, & despised of the people. All they that see me, laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

8 He trusted on the LORD, that he would deliver him: let him deliver him seeing he delighted in him.

9 But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mothers breasts.

10 I was cast upon thee from y womb: thou art my God: from my mothers belly.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near: for there is none to help.

12 Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.

13 They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening & a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water, & all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax, it is melted in y midst of my bowels.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd: and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws: and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.

16 For dogs have compassed me, the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

17 I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.

18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

19 But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword: my darling from the power of the dog.

21 Save me from y lions mouth: for thou hast heard me from y horns of y unicorns.

22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation thou wilt I praise thee.

23 Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of yacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of y Israel.

24 For he hath not despised, nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted: neither had he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.

25 My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.

27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

28 For the kingdom is the LORDS: and he is the governour among the nations.

29 All they that be far upon earth, shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust, shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul.

30 A seed shall serve him: it shall be accounted to the LORD for a generation.

31 They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.

PSAL. XXIII.

David's confidence in Gods grace.

A psalm of David.

THE LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside y still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me

David's confidence in God's grace. Psalms. His prayer for remission of sins.

in the paths of righteousness for his names sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: & I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

PSALM XXIII

1 *God's Lordship in the world.* 3 *The citizens of his spiritual kingdom.*

7 *An exhortation to receive him.*

A psalm of David.

THe earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? and who shall stand in his holy place?

4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the king of glory shall come in.

8 Who is this king of glory? the LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up, ye everlasting doors, and the king of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this king of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory. Selah.

PSALM XXV.

1 *David's confidence in prayer.* 7 *He prayeth for remission of sins.* 16 *and for help in affliction.*

A psalm of David.

UNto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, I trust in thee, let me not be ashamed: let not mine enemies triumph over me.

3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed; let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

4 Shew me thy wayes, O LORD; teach me thy paths.

5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation, on thee do I wait all the day.

6 Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies, and thy loving kindneses: for they have been ever of old.

7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me, for thy goodness sake, O LORD.

8 Good & upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

9 The meek will he guide in judgement: & the meek will he teach his way.

10 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, unto such as keep his covenant, and his testimonies.

11 For thy names sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity: for it is great.

12 What man is he that searcheth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

13 His soul shall dwell at ease: and his seed shall inherit the earth.

14 The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him: and he will shew them his covenant.

15 Mine eyes are ever towards the LORD: for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I am desolate and afflicted.

17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses.

18 Look upon mine affliction, and my pain, and forgive all my sins.

19 Consider mine enemies, for they are many, and they hate me with cruel hatred.

20 O keep my soul and deliver me: let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in thee.

21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me: for I wait on thee.

22 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

PSALM XXVI.

David's confidence in God's integrity.

A psalm of David.

Judge me, O LORD, for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD: therefore I shall not slide.

2 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; trie my reins and my heart.

3 For thy loving kindnesse is before mine eyes: & I have walked in thy truth.

4 I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.

5 I have hated the congregation of evil doers: and will not sit with the wicked.

6 I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass mine altar, O LORD.

7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wonderful works.

8 LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

9 Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men:

10 In whose hands is mischief: and their right hand is full of bribes.

11 But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

12 My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless thy name, O LORD.

PSALM XXVII.

1 *David sustains his faith by the power of God.* 4 *by his love to be service of God.* 9 *by prayer.*

A psalm of David.

THE LORD is my light, and my salvation, whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to tear up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

3 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

4 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the dayes of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me, he shall set me up upon a rock.

6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy, I will sing; yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face, my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

9 Hide not thy face far from me, put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help, leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

10 When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.

11 Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

13 I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

14 Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

PSAL. XXVIII.

1 David prayeth earnestly against his enemies. 6 He bleisseth God. 9 He prayeth for the people.

A psalm of David.

UNTO thee will I cry, O LORD my rock, be not silent to me: lest if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

2 Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee: when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle.

3 Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity: which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief is in their hearts.

4 Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavours: give them after the work of their hands, render to them their desert.

5 Because they regard not the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up.

6 Blessed be the LORD, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

7 The LORD is my strength, and my shield, my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth, and with my song will I praise him.

8 The LORD is their strength, and he is the saving strength of his Anointed.

9 Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

PSAL. XXIX.

1 David exhorteth princes to give glory to God, 3 by reason of his power, 11 and protection of his people.

A psalm of David.

GIVE unto the LORD (O ye mighty) give unto the LORD glory and strength.

2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth, the LORD is upon many waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is powerful, full; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

5 The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars: yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf: Lebanon, and Sirion like a young unicorn.

7 The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire.

8 The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness: the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

9 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve; and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of his glory.

10 The LORD sitteth upon the flood: yea, the LORD stretcheth king for ever.

11 The LORD will give strength unto his people, the LORD will bless his people with peace.

PSAL. XXX.

1 David praiseth God for his deliverance. 4 He exhorteth others to praise him by example of God's dealing with him.

A psalm and song, at the dedication of the house of David.

I will extoll thee, O LORD, for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

3 O LORD thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive that I should not go down to the pit.

4 Sing unto the LORD, (O ye saints of his) and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his anger endureth but a moment in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in y morning.

6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.

7 LORD, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled.

8 I cried to thee, O LORD: and unto the LORD I made supplication.

9 What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?

10 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD be thou my helper.

11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.

12 To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent: O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

PSAL. XXXI.

1 David shewing his confidence in God, craveth his help. 7 He rejoiceth in his mercy. 9 He prayeth in his calamity. 19 He praiseth God for his goodness. To the chief musician, A psalm of David. In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.

2 Bow down thine ear to me, deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.

3 For thou art my rock and my fortress: therefore for thy names sake lead me, and guide me.

4 Pull me out of the net which they have laid privily for me: for thou art my strength.

5 Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

6 I have hated them that regard lying vanities: but I trust in the LORD.

7 I will be glad, and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities;

8 And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: thou hast set my feet in a large room.

9 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; mine eye is consumed with grief, yea, my soul and my belly.

10 For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed.

11 I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance: they did see me without fled from me.

12 I am forgotten as a dead man out of minde: I am like a broken vessel.

13 For I have heard the slander of many, fear was on every side, while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.

14 But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, thou art my God.

15 My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

16 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies sake.

17 Let me not be ashamed, O LORD, for I have called upon thee: let the wicked be ashamed, and let them be silent in the grave.

18 Let the lying lips be put to silence: which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

19 O how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee, before the sons of men!

20 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed be the LORD; for he hath shewed me his marvellous kindness, in a strong city.

22 For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications, when I cried unto thee.

23 O love the LORD, all ye his saints: for the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.

PSAL. XXXII.

1 Blessedness consisteth in remission of sins. 3 Confession of sin giveth ease to the conscience. 8 Gods promises bring joy.

A psalm of David, Maschil.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old: through my roaring all the day long.

4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid: I said I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

6 For this shall every one that is godly, pray unto thee, in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters, they shall not come nigh unto him.

7 Thou art my hiding place, thou shalt preserve me from trouble: thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

8 I will instruct thee, and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

9 He is not as the horse, or as the mule which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, his mercie shall compass him about.

11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice ye righteous: and shout for joy all ye that are upright in heart.

PSAL. XXXIII.

1 God is to be praised for his goodness, 6 for his power, 12 for his providence.

20 Confidence is to be placed in God.

Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous, for praise is comely for the upright.

2 Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery, and an instrument of ten strings.

3 Sing unto him a new song, play skillfully with a loud noise.

4 For the word of the LORD is right, and all his works are done in truth.

5 He loveth righteousness and judgement: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made: and all the host of them, by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathered the waters of the sea together, as an heap: he layeth up the depth in store-houses.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

9 For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

11 The counsel of the LORD standeth for

for ever : the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD : and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

13 The LORD looketh from heaven : he beholdeth all the sons of men.

14 From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all inhabitants of earth.

15 He fashioneth their hearts alike : he considereth all their works.

16 There is no king saved by the multitude of an host : a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

17 An horse is a vain thing for safety, neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him : upon them that hope in his mercy :

19 To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul waiteth for the LORD : he is our help and our shield.

21 For our heart shall rejoice in him : because we have trusted in his holy name.

22 Let thy name (O LORD) be upon us according as we hope in thee.

PSAL. XXXIII.

1 David praiseth God : and sheweth others thereby to be by his experience. 8 They are blessed that trust in God. 11 He exhorteth to the fear of God. 15 The privilege of the righteous.

A psalm of David, when he changed his behaviour before Abimelech : who drove him away and he departed.

I will bless the LORD at all times : his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD : the humble shall bear thereof, and be glad.

3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

5 They looked unto him, and were lightened : and their faces were not ashamed.

6 This poor man cried, & the LORD heard him ; & saved him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

8 O taste & see that the LORD is good : blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

9 O fear the LORD ye his saints : for there is no want to them that fear him.

10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger : but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.

11 Come ye children, hearken unto me : I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 What man is he that desireth life ; and loveth many days, that he may see good ?

13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

14 Depart from evil, and do good : seek peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

16 The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth ; and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart : and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous ; but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

20 He keepeth all his bones : not one of them is broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked : and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

22 The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants : and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

PSAL. XXXV.

1 David prayeth for his own safety, & his enemies confound him. 11 He complaineth of their wrongfull dealing. 22 Thoroughly he trusteth in God against them.

A psalm of David.

Plead my cause (O LORD) with them that strive with me : fight against them that fight against me.

2 Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help.

3 Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me : say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

4 Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul : let them be turned back and brought to confusion that desire my hurt.

5 Let them be as chaff before the wind, and let the angel of the LORD chase them.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery, & let the angel of the LORD persecute them.

7 For without cause have they bid for me their net, in a pit, which without cause they have digged for my soul.

8 Let destruction come upon him as he is unawares, and let his net that he hath hid catch himself : into that very destruction let him fall.

9 And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD : it shall rejoice in his salvation.

10 All my bones shall say, LORD, who is like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him ; yea, the poor and the needy, from him that spoileth him ?

11 False witnesses did rise up : they laid to my charge things that I knew not.

12 They rewarded me evil for good, to the spoiling of my soul.

13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth : I humbled my soul with fasting, and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.

14 I behaved myself as though he had been my friend, or brother : I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.

15 But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together, yea, the adversaries gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not, they did rear me, and caused me to fall.

16 With hypocritical mockers in feast they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

17 Lord, how long wilt thou look on I rescue my soul from their destructions, my darling from the lions.

18 I will give thee thanks in the great congregation : I will praise thee among much people.

19 Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me : neither let them wish with the eye, that

Save me without a cause.

10 For they speak not peace, but they devise deceitfull matters against them that are quiet in the land.

21 Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, and said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.

22 This thou hast seen, O LORD; keep not silence: O LORD be not far from me.

23 Set up thy self, and awake to my judgements even unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

24 Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me.

25 Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up.

26 Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoyce at mine hurt: let them be clothed with shame & dishonour that magnifie themselves against me.

27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

28 And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness, of thy praise all day long.

PSAL. XXXVI.

1 The grievous estate of the wicked.

2 The excellency of Gods mercy. 10 David prayeth for favour to Gods children.

To the chief musician, A Psalm of David, the servant of the LORD.

THE transgression of the wicked faith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes.

2 For he flattereth himself in his own eyes; untill his iniquity be found to be barefull.

3 The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, and to do good.

4 He deviseth mischief upon his bed, he fethereth himself in a way that is not good; he abhorreth not evil.

5 Thy mercy (O LORD) is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

6 Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgements are a great deep; O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.

7 How excellent is thy loving kindness, O God: therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

8 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the farnes of thy house: & thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

9 For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

10 O continue thy loving kindness unto them that know thee: and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

11 Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me.

12 There are the workers of iniquitie fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

PSAL. XXXVII.

David premedeth to patience, and confidence in God, by six different states of the godly and the wicked.

RET not thy self because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

3 Trust in the LORD, and do goods: so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

4 Delight thy self also in the LORD; & he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

5 Commit thy way unto the LORD: trust also in him, & he shall bring it to passe.

6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgement as the noon-day.

7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thy self because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thy self in any wise to do evil.

9 For evil doers shall be cut off: but thou, that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.

10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.

11 But the meek shall inherit the earth: and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

12 The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.

13 The LORD shall laugh at him; for he seeth that his day is coming.

14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation.

15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart, & their bows shall be broken.

16 A little that a righteous man hath, is better then the riches of many wicked.

17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous.

18 The LORD knoweth the dayes of the upright: and their iniquities shall be forever.

19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the dayes of fasting they shall be satisfied.

20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the faw of lambs, they shall consume: into smoke shall they consume away.

21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercie and giveth.

22 For such as be blessed of him, shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.

23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: & he delighteth in his way.

24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.

25 I have been young and now am old: yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

26 He is ever mercifull, and lendeth: and his seed is blessed.

27 Depart from evil, and do good: and dwell for evermore.

28 For the LORD loveth judgements, and forsaketh not his saints: they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

19 The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.

20 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom; and his tongue talketh of judgement.

21 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

22 The wicked watcheth the righteous; and seeketh to slay him.

23 The LORD will not leave him in his hands, nor condemn him when he is judged.

24 Wait on the LORD, and keep his way; and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.

25 I have seen wicked in great power, & spreading himself like a green bay-tree.

26 Yet he passed away, and lo he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

27 Mark the perfect man, & behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.

28 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together, the end of the wicked shall be cut off.

29 But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble.

30 And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked; and save them because they trust in him.

P S A L M. XXXVIII.

David moveth God to take compassion of his pitiful case.

A psalm of David to bring to remembrance.

O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

2 For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore.

3 There is no soundness in my flesh, because of thine anger: neither is there any rest in my bones, because of my sin.

4 For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

5 My wounds stink, and are corrupt: because of my foolishness.

6 I am troubled, I am bowed down greatly: I go mourning all the day long.

7 For my loins are filled with a loathsome distaste: & there is no soundness in my flesh.

8 I am feeble & sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.

9 Lord, all my desire is before thee: and my groaning is not hid from thee.

10 My heart panted, my strength failed me: as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.

11 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sorow: & my kinsmen stand afar off.

12 They also that seek after my life, lay snares for me: and they that seek my hurt, speak mischiefous things, and imagine deceits all the day long.

13 But I, as a deaf man heard not; and I was as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth.

14 Thus I was as a man whose hearer not, and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

15 For in thee, O LORD, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O LORD my God.

16 For I said, Hear me, lest otherwise they should rejoice over me: when my

foot slippeth, they magnify themselves against me.

17 For I am ready to halt, and my sorrow is continually before me.

18 For I will declare mine iniquity: I will be sorry for my sin.

19 But mine enemies are lively, and they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

20 They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries: because I follow the thing that good is.

21 Forsake me not, O LORD: God be not far from me.

22 Make haste to help me, O LORD, my salvation.

P S A L M. XXXIX.

David's care of his thought. 4 The consideration of the brevity and vanity of life. 7 The reverence of God's judgements. 10 and prayer, as in the words of impatience.

To the chief musician, even to Jeduthun. A psalm of David.

I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.

2 I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, even from good, and my heart was stirred.

3 My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned: then said I with my tongue.

4 LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what is that I may know how frail I am.

5 Behold, thou hast made my days as an hand breadth, and mine age is nothing before thee: verily every man his best state is altogether vanity. Selah.

6 Surely every man walketh in a shew: surely they are disquieted in their heart: he heareth up voices, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

7 And now Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee.

8 Deliver me from all my transgressions, make me not the reproach of the foolish.

9 I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst it.

10 Remove thy stroke away from me, I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.

11 When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity. Selah.

12 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and draw near unto my cry, hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

13 O spare me, that I may not be ashamed, before I go hence, & be no more.

P S A L M. XL.

The benefit of confidence in God. 4 Confidence is the best sacrifice. 11 The fear of David's evils in himself his prayer. To the chief musician. A psalm of David.

I waited patiently for the LORD, and he inclined unto me, & heard my cry.

2 He brought me up also out of a terrible pit, out of the mirie clay, & set my feet upon a rock, & established my goings.

3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: and shall trust in the LORD.

4 Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust: and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.
5 Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare & speak of them, they are more then can be numbered.
6 Sacrifice, and offering thou didst not desire, mine ears hast thou opened: burnt-offering and sin-offering hast thou not required.

7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me:
8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: so, I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest.
10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart, I have declared thy faithful-ness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy loving kindness, and thy truth, from the great congregation.

11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy loving kind-ness & thy truth continually preserve me.

12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about, mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so, I am not able to look up: they are more then y haire of mine head, therefore my heart faileth me.

13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, make haste to help me.

14 Let them be a hind and confound-ment together, that seek after my soul to destroy it: let them be driven backward, and put to shame that wish me evil.

15 Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame, y say unto me, Aha, aha.

16 Let all those that seek thee, rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation, say continually, The LORD be magnified.

17 But I am poor & needy, yet, O Lord think upon me: thou art my help, & my deliverer, make no tarrying, O my God.

PSAL. XLII.

1 Gods care of the poor. 4 David com-plaineth of his enemies treachery.

10 He fleeth to God for succour.
To the chief musician, A psalm of David.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

2 The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive, and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him into the will of his enemies.

3 The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.

4 I said, LORD be merciful unto me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.

5 Mine enemies speak evil of me: when shall he die, and his name perish?

6 And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity: his heart gathereth iniquity to it self, when he goeth abroad he telleth it.

7 All y hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt.

8 An evil disease, say they, cleaveth fast unto him: and now that he lieth, he shall rise up no more.

9 Yea, mine own familiar friend in whom I trusted, which did eat of my

bread, hath lift up his heel against me.

10 But thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me, & raise me up, y I may require them.

11 By this I know that thou favourest me, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.

12 And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity: and settest me before thy face for ever.

13 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen and Amen.

PSAL. XLIII.

1 Davids zeal to serve God in the temple. 5 He encourages his soul to trust in God.

To the chief musician Maschil, for the sons of Korah.

As thou shalt panteth after y water-brooks, so shalt thou panteth my soul after thee, O God.

2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and ap-pear before God?

3 My tears have been my meat day and night: while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

4 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God: with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude y kept holy-day.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermon, from the hill Mizor.

7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy water-springs: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

8 Yet the LORD will command his loving kindness in the day time, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

9 I will say unto God, My rock, why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning, because of the oppression of the enemy?

10 As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me: while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?

11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

PSAL. XLIII.

1 David praying to be restored to the temple, promisseth to serve God joyfully.

5 He encourages his soul to trust in God.

1 Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

2 For thou art y God of my strength, why dost thou cast me off? why go I mourning because of oppression of the enemy?

3 O send out thy light and thy truth, let them lead me, let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God, my God.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God, for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

PSAL. XLIV.

PSAL. XLV.

1 The church in memory of former favours, 7 complaints of her present evils: 17 Praising her integrity, 24 beseeching prayer for succour. To the chief musician for the sons of Korah, Maschil.

1 The majesty and grace of Christ's kingdom. 10 The duties of the church, and the benefits thereof. To the chief musician upon Shohannim, For the sons of Korah, Maschil, A song of loves.

WE have heard of our ears, O God, our fathers have told us what work thou didst in their dayes. In the times of old.

2 How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.

3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them.

4 Thou art my king, O God, command deliverances for Jacob.

5 Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

6 For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.

7 But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us.

8 In God we boast all the day long: and praise thy name for ever. Selah.

9 But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; & goest not forth with our armies.

10 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemies: and they which hate us spoil for themselves.

11 Thou hast given us like sheep appointed for meat: and hast scattered us among the heathen.

12 Thou sellest thy people for nought, & dost not increase thy wealth by their price.

13 Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.

14 Thou makest us a by-word among the heathen: a shaking of the head among the people.

15 My confusion is continually before me, & the shame of my face hath covered me.

16 For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth; by reason of the enemy and avenger.

17 All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.

18 Our heart is not turned back: neither have our steps declined from thy way.

19 Though thou hast fore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death.

20 If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god:

21 Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

22 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long: we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

23 Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, call us not off for ever.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face? and forgettest our affliction, & our oppression?

25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust; our belly cleaveth unto the earth.

26 Arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies sake.

My heart is sending a good manner: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

2 Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty: & thy glory and thy majesty.

4 And in thy majesty ride prosperously, because of truth and meekness, and righteousness: and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

5 Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the kings enemies: whereby the people fall under thee.

6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the scepter of thy kingdom is a right scepter.

7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hast wickedness therefore God, thy God hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

8 All thy garments smell of myrrhe, and aloes, and cassia: out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

9 Kings daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

10 Harken, O daughter, and consider; and incline thine ear: forget all that thine own people, and thy fathers house.

11 So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord, and worship thou him.

12 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift, even the rich among the people shall intreat thy favour.

13 The kings daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.

14 She it all be brought unto the king in raiment of needle-work: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.

15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the kings palace.

16 In stead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.

17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

PSAL. XLVI.

1 The confidence which the church hath in God. 3 An exhortation to hold it. To the chief musician for the sons of Korah, A song upon Alamoth.

God is our refuge and strength: a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed: and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

3 Though the waters thereof roar, and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

4 There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God: the holy place of tabernacles of the most High.

5 God is in the midst of her: the shall

nor be moved; God shall help her, and that right early.

6 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved; he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

7 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder, he burneth the chariot in the fire.

10 Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

PSALM XLVII.

The nations are exhorted cheerfully to entertain the kingdom of Christ.

To the chief musician. A psalm for the sons of Korah.

Clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph:

2 For the LORD most high is terrible; he is a great king over all the earth.

3 He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.

4 He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.

5 God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our king, sing praises.

7 For God is the king of all the earth; sing ye praises with understanding.

8 God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

9 The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham; for the shields of the earth belong unto God: he is greatly exalted.

PSALM XLVIII.

The ornaments and privileges of the church.

A song, and psalm for the sons of Korah.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great king.

3 God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

4 For lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.

5 They saw it, and so they marvelled, they were troubled and halted away.

6 Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, as of a woman in travail.

7 Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east-wind.

8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God, God will establish it for ever. Selah.

9 we have thought of thy loving kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

10 According to thy name, O God, so thy praise unto the ends of the earth; thy right hand is full of righteousness.

11 Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgements.

12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her; tell the towers thereof.

13 Mark ye well her bulwarks, con-

sider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.

14 For this God is our God for ever & ever; he will be our guide even unto death.

PSALM XLIX.

1 An earnest persuasion to build the faith of resurrection, not on worldly power, but on God. 16 Worldly prosperity is not to be admired.

To the chief musician. A psalm for the sons of Korah.

Hear this, all ye people, give ear all ye inhabitants of the world:

2 Both low & high, rich & poor together.

3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom: and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

4 I will incline mine ear to a parable; I will open my dark saying upon a harp.

5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about?

6 They that trust in their wealth, & boast themselves in multitude of their riches:

7 Not of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him.

8 (For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever.)

9 That he should still live for ever, and not see corruption.

10 For he seeth that wise men die, likewise the fool, and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others.

11 Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue forever, and their dwelling-places to all generations; they call the heavens after their own names.

12 Nevertheless, man being in honour, abideth not: he is like the beasts that perish.

13 This their way is their folly; yet their posterity approve their sayings. Selah.

14 Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning, and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling.

15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave; for he shall receive me. Selah.

16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when glory of his house is increased.

17 For when he dieth, he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him.

18 Though while he lived, he blessed his soul; and men will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself.

19 He shall go to the generation of his fathers, they shall never see light.

20 Man that is in honour & understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish.

PSALM L.

1 The majesty of God in the church.

5 His order to gather saints. 7 The pleasure of God is not in ceremonies,

14 but in sincerity of obedience.

A psalm of Asaph.

The mighty God, even the Lord hath spoken, & called the earth from the rising of the sun, unto the going down thereof.

2 Out of Zion the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.

3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

The true sacrifice.

4 He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.

5 Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

6 And y heavens shall declare his righteousness; for God will judge himself. Selah.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee: I am God, even thy God.

8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices, or thy burnt-offerings, to have been continually before me.

9 I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he-goats out of thy folds.

10 For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattel upon a thousand hills.

11 I know all the fowls of y mountains; & the wilde beasts of the field are mine.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee, for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

13 Will I eat the flesh of buls, or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer unto God thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the most High.

15 And call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorifie me.

16 But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldst take my covenant in thy mouth?

17 Seeing thou hast instruction, and callest my words behind thee.

18 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers.

19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit.

20 Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mothers son.

21 These things hast thou done, and I kept silence: thou thoughtest that I was altogether such a one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.

22 Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.

23 Whoso offereth praise, glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright, will I shew the salvation of God.

P S A L. LI.

1 David prayeth for remission of sins, whereof he maketh a deep confession.

2 He prayeth for sanctification. 16 God delighteth not in sacrifice, but in sincerity. 18 He prayeth for the church.

To the chief musician, A psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bath-sheba.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindnesse: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against thee, thee onely have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity:

Psalms. Davids prayer for sanctification.

and in sin did my mother conceive me.

6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden parts thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be cleane; wash me, and I shall be whiter then snow.

8 Make me to hear joy and gladnesse: that the bones which thou hast broken, may rejoyce.

9 Hide thy face from my sins; and blot out all mine iniquities.

10 Create in me a cleane heart, O GOD; and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

13 Then will I reach transgressions thy wayes, and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

14 Deliver me from blood-guiltinesse, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

15 O Lord open thou my lips, and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

16 For thou desirest not sacrifice, else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt-offering.

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt-offering and whole-burnt-offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

P S A L. LII.

1 David condemning the spitefulness of Doeg, prophesieth his destruction. 6 The righteous shall rejoyce at it. 8 David upon his confidence in Gods mercy, giveth thanks.

To the chief musician, Maschil, a psalm of David, when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said unto him, David is come to the house of Ahim:lech.

WHY boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God endureth continually.

2 Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

3 Thou lovest evil more then good: and lying rather then to speak righteousness. Selah.

4 Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tongue.

5 God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling-place, and root thee out of the land of the living. Selah.

6 The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him.

7 Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickednesse.

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

9 I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done it: and I will wait on thy name, for it is good before thy saints.

P S A L. LIII.

1 David describeth the corruption of a small man. 4 He convinceth the wicked by

By the light of their own conscience. 6 He glorieth in the salvation of God.

To the chief musician upon Mahalath, Maschil, A Psalm of David.

THe fool hath said in his heart, There is no God; corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: *there is none that doth good.*

2 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any y did understand, that did seek God.

3 Every one of them is gone back, they are altogether become filthy: *there is none that doth good, nor one.*

4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge, who eat up my people, as they eat bread; they have not called upon God.

5 There were they in great fear, *where no fear was*; for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee, thou hast put them to shame, because God hath despised them.

6 O that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

PSAL. LIIII.

1 David complaining of the Ziphims, prayeth for salvation. 4 Upon his confidence in Gods help, he promiseth sacrifice.

To the chief musician on Neginoth, Maschil, A Psalm of David, when the Ziphims came and said to Saul, doth not David hide himself with us?

SAve me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul; they have not set God before them. Selah.

4 Behold, God is mine helper; the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

5 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies; cut them off in thy truth.

6 I will freely sacrifice unto thee; I will praise thy name, O Lord; for it is good.

7 For he hath delivered me out of all trouble: and mine eye hath seen his deliverance upon mine enemies.

PSAL. LV.

1 David in his prayer complaineth of his fearfull case. 9 He prayeth against his enemies, of whose wickedness and treachery he complaineth. 16 He comforteth himself in Gods preservation of him, and confusion of his enemies.

To the chief musician on Neginoth, Maschil, A Psalm of David.

Give ear to my prayer, O God: and hide not thy self from my supplication.

2 Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;

3 Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast inquiry upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

4 My heart is sore pained within me: & the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

5 Fearfulness & trembling are come upon me, & horror hath overwhelmed me.

6 And I said, O y I had wings like a dove, or then would I flee away, and be at rest.

7 So then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness. Selah.

8 I would hasten my escape from the bulle storm and tempest.

9 Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

10 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it.

11 Wickedness is in the midst thereof: deceit & guile depart not from her streets.

12 For it was not an enemy that reproached me, then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me, that did magnify himself against me, then I would have hid my self from him.

13 But it was thou, a man, mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance.

14 We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto y house of God in company.

15 Let death seize upon them, & let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and amongst them.

16 As for me, I will call upon God: and the LORD shall save me.

17 Evening and morning, and at noon will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

18 He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for there were many with me.

19 God shall hear & afflict them, even he y abideth of old: Selah: because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God.

20 He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: he hath broken his covenant.

21 The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer then oil, yet were they drawn swords.

22 Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitfull men shall not live out half their dayes, but I will trust in thee.

PSAL. LVI.

1 David praying to God in confidence of his word, complaineth of his enemies.

9 He professeth his confidence in Gods word, and promiseth to praise him.

To the chief musician upon Jonath-clem-rechokim, Michtam of David, when the Philistines took him in Gath.

BE merciful unto me, O God; for man would swallow me up: he fighting daily oppresseth me.

2 Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O thou most High.

3 What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.

4 In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust, I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

5 Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil.

6 They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps when they wait for my soul.

7 Shall they escape by iniquity? in thine anger cast down the people, O God.

8 Thou tellest my wanderings, put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?

9 When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know, for God is for me.

The nature of the wicked.

10 In God will I praise his word : in the LORD will I praise his word.

11 In God have I put my trust : I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

12 Thy vows are upon me, O God : I will render praises unto thee.

13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death : wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living ?

PSAL. LVII.

David in prayer setting unto God, complaineth of his dangerous case. 7 He encourageth himself to praise God.

To the chief musician, Al-tschich, Mich-tam of David, when he fled from saul in the cave.

BE mercifull unto me, O God, be mercifull unto me; for my soul trusteth in thee: yea in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

1 I will cry unto God most high: unto God that performeth all things for me.

3 He shall send from heaven and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up: Selah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

4 My soul is among lions, and I lie even among them; y are set on fire, even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears & arrows, and their tongues sharp sword.

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above y heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth.

6 They have prepared a net for my steps, my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves. Selah

7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

8 Awake up my glory, awake psaltery and harp: I my self will awake early.

9 I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.

10 For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

11 Be thou exalted, O God, above y heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth.

PSAL. LVIII.

David reproveth wicked judges, describeth the nature of the wicked, & devoteth them to Gods judgements, & bewaileth the righteous shall rejoyce.

To the chief musician, Al-tschich, Mich-tam of David.

DO ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation: do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men ?

3 Yea, in heart you work wickednes, you weigh violence of your hands in yearh.

3 The wicked are estranged from the womb, they go astray, as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

4 Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: they are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear:

5 Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely.

6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: break out the great teeth of the young lions, O LORD.

7 Let them melt away as waters, which run continually: when he bendeth his bow to shoot his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.

8 As a snail which melteth, let every one of

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them passe away: like the untimely birth of a woman, that they may not see y sun.

9 Before your pots can feel the thorns, he shall take them away as with a whirl-winde, both living, and in his wrath.

10 The righteous shall rejoyce when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.

11 So that a man shall say, verily there is a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

PSAL. LIX.

David prayeth to be delivered from his enemies. 6 He complaineth of their cruelty. 3 He trusteth in God. 11 He prayeth against them.

16 He praiseth God, To the chief musician, Al-tschich, Mich-tam of David: when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.

Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me.

2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men.

3 For lo, they lie in wait for my soul; y mighty are gathered against me: not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O LORD.

4 They run and prepare themselves without my fault: awake to help me, and behold.

5 Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not mercifull to any wicked transgressors. Selah.

6 They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

7 Behold, they belch out with their mouths: swords are in their lips; for who, say they, doth hear ?

8 But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them: thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.

9 Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defence.

10 The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies.

11 Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

12 For the sin of their mouth, and the words of their lips, let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying which they speak.

13 Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they may not be: and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob, unto the ends of the earth. Selah.

14 And at evening let them return, and let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

15 Let them wander up and down for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied.

16 But I will sing of thy power, yea I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy.

PSAL. LX.

David complaining to God of former judgement, a new upon better hope, prayeth for deliverance, & committing himself in Gods promise, he craveth that help whereon he trusteth.

11 He praiseth God, To the chief musician, Al-tschich, Mich-tam of David: when he fled from saul in the cave.

DO not be wroth with me, O Lord, nor remember mine iniquity: have mercy upon me, O Lord, according to thy loving-kindness.

2 Trouble not me, because of mine iniquity: because mine iniquity is against thee, O Lord, thou art righteous.

3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord, because mine heart is afflicted: because mine eyes are sore, because mine heart is sore.

4 Because of the voice of thine enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked, because of the oppression of the wicked, because of the oppression of the wicked.

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10 Because of the voice of thine enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked, because of the oppression of the wicked, because of the oppression of the wicked.

To the chief musician upon Shushaneduch, Michram of David, to teach ; when he strove with Aram-Naharaim, and with Aram-Zobah, when Israh returned, and smote of Edom in the valley of salt, twelve thousand.

O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased ; O turn thy self to us again.

2 Thou hast made the earth to tremble ; thou hast broken it : heal the breaches thereof, for it shaketh.

3 Thou hast shewed thy people hard things : thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.

4 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee : that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.

5 That thy beloved may be delivered ; save with thy right hand, and hear me.

6 God hath spoken in his holiness, I will rejoyce : I will divide Shechem, and mere out the valley of Succoth.

7 Gilead is mine, and Manasse is mine, Ephraim also is the strength of mine head, Judah is my law-giver.

8 Moab is my washpore, over Edom will I cast out my shoe : Philistia, triumph thou because of me.

9 Who will bring me into the strong city ? who will lead me into Edom ?

10 Wilt not thou, O God, which hadst cast us off ? and thou, O God, which didst not go out with our armies ?

11 Give us help from trouble : for vain is the help of man.

12 Through God we shall do valiantly : for he is that shall tread down our enemies.

P S A L. L X I.

1 David fleeth to God upon his former experience. 4 He voweth perpetuall service unto him, because of his promises.

To the chief musician upon Neginah, A psalm of David.

Hear my cry, O God, attend unto my prayer.

2 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed : lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

3 For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.

4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever : I will trust in thy covert of thy wings. Selah.

5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows : thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name.

6 Thou wilt prolong the kings life : and his years as many generations.

7 He shall abide before God for ever : O prepare mercy and truth which may preserve him.

8 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows.

P S A L. L X I I.

1 David professing his confidence in God, discourageth his enemies. 5 In the same confidence he encourageth the godly. 9 No trust is to be put in worldly things.

11 Power and mercy belong to God. To the chief musician, to Jeduthun,

A psalm of David.

Truly my soul waiteth upon God : from him cometh my salvation.

2 He only is my rock and my salvation : he is my defence, I shall not be greatly moved.

3 How long will ye imagine mischief against a man ? ye shall be slain all of you : as a bowing wall shall ye be, and as a tottering fence.

4 They only consult to cast him down from his excellency, they delight in lies : they blesse with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. Selah.

5 My soul, wait thou only upon God : for my expectation is from him.

6 He only is my rock and my salvation : he is my defence ; I shall not be moved.

7 In God is my salvation and my glory : the rock of my strength, and my refuge is in God.

8 Trust in him at all times ye people ; pour out your heart before him : God is a refuge for us. Selah.

9 Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie : to be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity.

10 Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery : if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

11 God hath spoken once, twice have I heard this, y power is lengthened unto God.

12 Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy : for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

P S A L. L X I I I.

1 David's thirst for God. 4 His manner of blessing God. 9 His confidence of his enemies destruction, and his own safety. A psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee : my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee, in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is :

2 To see thy power and thy glorie, for as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

3 Because thy loving kindness is better than life : my lips shall praise thee.

4 Thus will I blesse thee, while I live : I will lift up my hands in thy name.

5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and farnesies, and my mouth shall praise thee with joyfull lips :

6 When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in y night-watches.

7 Because thou hast been my help : therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoyce.

8 My soul followeth hard after thee : thy right hand upholdeth me.

9 But those that seek my soul to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

10 They shall fall by the sword, they shall be a portion for foxes.

11 But the king shall rejoyce in God, everie one that sweareth by him shall glory : but the mouth of them that speak lies, shall be stopped.

P S A L. L X I V.

1 David prayeth for deliverance, complaining of his enemies. 7 He promiseth himself to see such an evident destruction of his enemies, as the righteous shall rejoyce at it.

To the chief musician, A psalm of David.

Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer : preferre my life from fear of offence.

2 Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked : from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity :

The blessedness of Gods elect.

3 who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bow to shoot their arrows, even bitter words :

4 That they may shoot in secret at the perfect : suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.

5 They encourage themselves in an evil matter : they commune of laying snares privily, they say, who shall see them ?

6 They search out iniquities, they accomplish a diligent search : but the inward thought of every one of them, and the heart is deep.

7 But God shall shoot at them with an arrow, suddenly shall they be wounded.

8 So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves : all that see them, shall flee away.

9 And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God : for they shall wisely consider of his doing.

10 The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him ; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

PSAL. LXV.

1 David praiseth God for his grace. 4 The blessedness of Gods chosen by reason of benefits.

To the chief musician, A psalm and song of David.

Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion : and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

2 O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

3 Iniquities prevail against me : as for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.

4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts : we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

By terrible things in righteousness, wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation : who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea.

6 Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains, being girded with power.

7 Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens : thou makest the out-goings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

9 Thou visitest the earth and watest it : thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God which is full of water : thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.

10 Thou watest the ridges thereof abundantly : thou settest the furrows thereof ; thou makest it soft with showers, thou blessest the springing thereof.

11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness, and thy paths drop fatness.

12 They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness : and the little hills rejoice on every side.

13 The pastures are clothed with flocks ; the valleys also are covered over with corn : they shout for joy, they also sing.

PSAL. LXVI.

1 David exhorteth to praise God, 5 to observe his great works, 8 to bless him for his gracious benefits, 12 He

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David exhorteth to praise God.

withth for himself religious service in Gal. 16 He declareth Gods special goodness to himself.

To the chief musician, A song or psalm. Make a joyfull noise unto God, all ye Islands.

2 Sing forth the honour of his name, make his praise glorious.

3 Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works : through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

4 All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee, they shall sing to thy name. Selah.

5 Come and see the works of God : he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.

6 He turned the sea into dry land : they went through the flood on foot, there did we rejoice in him.

7 He ruleth by his power for ever, his eyes behold the nations : let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.

8 O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard.

9 Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

10 For thou, O God, hast proved us ; thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

11 Thou broughtest us into the net, thou laidst affliction upon our loins.

12 Thou hast caused men ride over our heads, we went through fire and through water : but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

13 I will go into thy house with burnt-offerings : I will pay thee my vows.

14 Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken when I was in trouble.

15 I will offer unto thee burnt-sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of rams : I will offer bullocks with goats. Selah.

16 Come and hear all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

17 I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.

18 If I regard iniquity in my heart : the Lord will not hear me.

19 But verily God hath heard me : he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

20 Blessed be God, who hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

PSAL. LXVII.

1 A prayer for the enlargement of Gods kingdom, 3 to the joy of the people, 6 and the increase of Gods blessings.

To the chief musician on Neginoth, A psalm or song.

God be mercifull unto us, and bless us : and cause his face to shine upon us. Selah.

2 That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

3 Let the people praise thee, O God : let all the people praise thee.

4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy : for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.

5 Let the people praise thee, O God : let all the people praise thee.

6 Then shall y earth yield her increase to God, even our own God shall bless us.

7 God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

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An exhortation to praise God

PSAL. LXVIII.

1 A prayer at the removing of the ark.
4 An exhortation to praise God for his mercies, 7 for his care of the church, 19 for his great works.
To the chief musician, A psalm or song of David.

Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him, flee before him.

2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad: let them rejoice before God; yea let them exceedingly rejoice.

4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extoll him; y rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.

5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of widows, is God in his holy habitation.

6 God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains, but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

7 O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people; when thou didst march through the wilderness. Selah.

8 The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai it self was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.

10 Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word, great was the company of those that published it.

12 Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home, divided y spoil.

13 Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered kings in it, it was white as snow in Salmon.

15 The hill of God is as the hill of Bashan, an high hill as the hill of Bashan.

16 Why leap ye, ye high hills? for he is the hill which God desireth to dwell in; yea the LORD will dwell in it for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them as in Sinai, in the holy place.

18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also; that the LORD God might dwell among them.

19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.

20 He that is our God, is the God of salvation; and unto GOD the Lord belong the issues from death.

21 But God shall wound the head of his enemies: and the hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on still in his trespasses.

22 The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan, I will bring my people again from the depths of the sea:

23 That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of thine enemies, and the tongue of thy dogs in the same.

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for his great works.

24 They have seen thy goings, O God, even the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.

25 The fingers went before; y players on instruments followed after; amongst them were the damsels playing with timbrels.

26 Bless ye God in the congregations, even the Lord, from y fountain of Israel.

27 There is little Benjamin with their ruler, the princes of Judah and their counsel, the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.

28 Thy God hath commanded thy strength: strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.

29 Because of thy temple at Jerusalem, shall kings bring presents unto thee.

30 Rebuke the company of spear-men, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, till every one subaile himself with pieces of silver: scatter thou the people that delight in war.

31 Princes shall come out of Egypt, Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

32 Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth: O sing praises unto the Lord. Selah.

33 To him y rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which were of old; lo, he doth send out his voice, & that a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency is over Israel, and his strength is in the clouds.

35 O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places, the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people: blessed be God.

PSAL. LIX.

1 David complaineth of his affliction.

13 He prayeth for deliverance. 22 He devoteth his enemies to destruction. 30 He praiseth God with thanksgiving.

To the chief musician upon Shohammim, A psalm of David.

Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul.

2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.

3 I am weary of my crying, my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

4 They that hate me without a cause, are more then the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty; then I restored that which I took not away.

5 O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee.

6 Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek thee, be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.

7 Because for thy sake I have born reproach; shame hath covered my face.

8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mothers children.

9 For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee, are fallen upon me.

10 When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach.

11 I made sackcloth also my garment; and I became a proverb to them.

12 They that sit in y gate, speak against me; and I was the song of the drunkards.

A prayer for his deliverance, Psalm. and speedy destruction of the wicked.

23 But as for me, my prayer is unto thee O LORD, in an acceptable time: O God; in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.

24 Deliver me out of the mire, & let me not sink; let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

25 Let not y water-flood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

26 Hear me, O LORD; for thy loving-kindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies. 27 And hide not thy face from thy servant, for I am in trouble: hear me speedily.

28 Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies.

29 Thou hast known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonour: mine adversaries are all before thee.

30 Reproach hath broken my heart, and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none.

31 They gave me also gall for my meat, and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

32 Let their table become a snare before them; and that which should have been for their welfare, let it become a trap.

33 Let their eyes be darkened that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake.

34 Fear our thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them.

35 Let their habitation be desolate, and let none dwell in their tents.

36 For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten, and they talk to the grief of those whom thou hast wounded.

37 Add iniquity to their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness.

38 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.

39 But I am poor, and sorrowfull: let thy salvation, O God, let me up on high.

40 I will praise the name of God with a song, & will magnify him & thanksgiving.

41 This also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

42 The humble shall see this, and be glad: & your heart shall live y seek God.

43 For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners.

44 Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, & everything y moveth therein.

45 For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah: that they may dwell there, and have it in possession.

46 The seed also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his name shall dwell therein.

PSAL. LXX.

David soliciteth God to the speedy destruction of the wicked, and preservation of the godly.

To the chief musician, A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me. O LORD.

1 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt.

2 Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame, that say, Aha, aha.

3 Let all those that seek thee, rejoice, and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

4 But I am poor and needy, make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help & my deliverer, O LORD make no tarrying.

PSAL. LXXI.

1 David in confidence of faith & experience of Gods favour, prayeth both for himself, and against the enemies of his soul.

2 He promiseth constancie. 3 He prayeth for perseverancie. 4 He praiseth Gods, and promiseth to do it cheerfully.

IN thee, O LORD, do I put my trust, let me never be put to confusion.

2 Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

3 Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me, for thou art my rock and my fortress.

4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

5 For thou art my hope, O Lord GOD: thou art my trust from my youth.

6 By thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mothers bowels, my praise shall be continually of thee.

7 I am as a wonder unto many, but thou art my strong refuge.

8 Let my mouth be filled with thy praise, and with thy honour all the day.

9 Cast me not off in the time of old age, forsake me not when my strength faileth.

10 For mine enemies speak against me, and they that lay wait for my soul, take counsel together;

11 Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him, for there is none to deliver him.

12 O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.

13 Let them be confounded and consumed, that are adversaries to my soul: let them be covered with reproach and dishonour, that seek my hurt.

14 But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

15 My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness, and thy salvation all the day: for I know not the numbers thereof.

16 I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.

17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

18 Now also when I am old and gray headed, O God, forsake me not: until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to everie one that is to come.

19 Thy righteousness also, O God, is verie high, who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee?

20 Thou which hast healed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

21 Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

22 I will

Solomon a type of Christs kingdom. Psalms.

Temptation overcome.

22 I will also praise thee with the psalterie, even thy truth, O my God : unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou holy One of Israel.

23 My lips shall greatly rejoyce when I sing unto thee : and my soul which thou hast redeemed.

24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long : for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

PSAL. LXXII.

1 David praying for Solomon, sheweth the goodness and glory of his in type, and in truth of Christs kingdom. 18 He blesseth God.

A psalm for Solomon.

Give y^e king thy judgements, O God, and thy righteousness unto the kings son.

2 He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgement.

3 The mountains shall bring peace to y^e people, & y^e little hills, by righteousness.

4 He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

5 They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass : as showers that water y^e earth.

7 In his dayes shall the righteous flourish : and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.

9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him : and his enemies shall lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents : the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

11 Yea, all kings shall fall down before him : all nations shall serve him.

12 For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth : the poor also, and him that is consumed with terrors, hath no helper.

13 He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence : and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

15 And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba ; prayer also shall be made for him continually, and daily shall he be praised.

16 There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains ; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon, and they of the circle shall flourish like grass of the earth.

17 His name shall endure for ever : his name shall be continued as long as the sun : and men shall be blessed in him ; all nations shall call him blessed.

18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who onely doth wondrous things.

19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever, and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen, and Amen.

20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

PSAL. LXXIII.

1 The prophet prevailing in a temptation, 2 sheweth the occasion thereof, the prosperity of the wicked. 23 The reward given

Truly God is good to Israel, even as such as are of a clean heart.

2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone ; my steps had well-nigh slipped.

3 For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

4 For there are no bands in their death : but their strength is firm.

5 They are not in trouble as other men ; neither are they plagued like other men.

6 Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain ; violence covereth them as a garment.

7 Their eyes stand out with farthest, they have more than heart could wish.

8 They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression : they speak loftily.

9 They set their mouth against the heavens ; and their tongue walketh

through the earth.

10 Therefore his people return hither ; & waters of a full cup are wrung out to them.

11 And they say, How doth God know ? is there knowledge in the most High ?

12 Behold, these are y^e ungodly, who prosper in the world ; they increase in riches.

13 Verily, I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency.

14 For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.

15 If I say, I will speak thus : behold, I should offend against the generation of thy children.

16 When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me.

17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God ; then understood I their end.

18 Surely thou didst set them in slippery places : thou castedst them down into destruction.

19 How are they brought into desolation ; as in a moment ; they are utterly consumed with terrors.

20 As a dream when one awaketh ; so, O Lord, when thou awakest thou shalt despise their image.

21 Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins.

22 So foolish was I, and ignorant ; I was as a beast before thee.

23 Nevertheless, I am continually with thee : thou hast holden me by my right hand.

24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but thee ? and there is none upon earth that I desire besides thee.

26 My flesh and my heart failed : but God is the strength of my heart ; and my portion for ever.

27 For lo, they that are far from thee shall perish : thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee.

28 But it is good for me to draw near to God : I have put my trust in the Lord God ; that I may declare all thy works.

PSAL. LXXIII.

1 The prophet compassed of the desolation of the sanctuary. 10 He moveth God to help, in consideration of his power, 18 of his vengnant enemies, of his children, and of his servants.

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Mafchil of Afaph.

O God, why hast thou cast me off for ever? why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?

2 Remember thy congregation which thou hast purchased of old: y rod of thine inheritance which thou hast redeemed this mount Zion wherein thou hast dwelt.

3 Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual desolations: even all that the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.

4 Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations: they set up their ensignes for signes.

5 A man was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees.

6 But now they break down y carved work thereof at once, with axes and hammers.

7 They have cast fire into thy sanctuary, they have deley by casting down y dwelling-place of thy name to the ground.

8 They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together: they have burnt up all the synagogues of God in the land.

9 We see not our signes, there is no more any prophet, neither is there among us any that knoweth how long.

10 O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?

11 Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? pluck it out of thy bosom.

12 For God is my king of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.

13 Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength: thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.

14 Thou brakest the heads of leviathan have slept their sleep: and noue of the In pieces, and gavest him to be meat to men of might have found their hands.

15 Thou didst cleave the fountain and both the flood: thou driedst up mighty rivers a dead sleep.

16 The day is thine, y night also is thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

17 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter.

18 Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, O LORD, and that the foolish people have blasphemed thy name.

19 O deliver not y soul of thy turtle-dove unto the multitude of the wicked: forget thee not y congregation of thy poor for ever.

20 Have respect unto the covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of crueltie.

21 O let not the oppressed return ashamed: let y poor & needy praise thy name.

22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily.

23 Forget not the voyce of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against thee, increaseth continually.

P S A L. LXXV.

1 The prophet praiseth God. 2 He promisseth to judge uprightly. 4 He rebuketh the proud by consideration of Gods providence. 9 He praiseth God, and promisseth to execute justice.

To the chief musician, Al-tschith, A psalm or song of Afaph.

Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks: unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near, thy wondrous works declare.

2 When I shall receive the congregation, I will judge uprightly.

3 The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. Selah.

4 I said unto y fools, Deal not foolishly; and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn.

5 Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a stiff neck.

6 For promotion cometh neither from y east, nor from the west, nor from the south.

7 But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

8 For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red: it is full of mixture, and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof all the wicked of y earth shall wring them out, and drink them.

9 But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

10 All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off: but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

P S A L. LXXVI.

1 A declaration of Gods majesty in the church. 11 An exhortation to serve him reverently.

To the chief musician on Neginoth, A psalm or song of Afaph.

IN Judah is God known: his name is great in Israel.

2 In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling-place in Zion.

3 There brake he the arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the bartel. Selah.

4 Thou art more glorious and excellent then the mountains of prey.

5 The stout-hearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep: and noue of the people inhabiting the wilderness.

6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.

7 Thou, even thou art to be feared, and who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?

8 Thou didst cause judgement to be heard from heaven: y earth feared, and was still.

9 When God arose to judgement, to save all the meek of the earth. Selah.

10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.

11 Vow, and pay unto the LORD your God: let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.

12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes, he is terrible to the kings of the earth.

P S A L. LXXVII.

The psalmist sheweth what fierce combat he had with disidence. 10 The victory which he had by consideration of Gods great and gracious works.

To the chief musician, to Jeduthun, A psalm of Afaph.

ICried unto God with my voyce: even unto God with my voyce, and he gave me an answer.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the LORD; my soul refused to be comforted.

3 I remembered: God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah.

4 Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am troubled that I cannot sleep.

5 I have considered the dayes of old, the years of ancient times.

Gods law to be preached.

Psalms.

Gods wrath against disobedience.

6 I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart; and my spirit made diligent search.

7 Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more?

8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth his promise fail for evermore?

9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah.

10 And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most High.

11 I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

12 I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

13 Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?

14 Thou art the God that doest wonders; thou hast declared thy strength among the people.

15 Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob & Joseph, Selah.

16 The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee: they were afraid; the depths also were troubled.

17 The clouds poured out water, the skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad.

18 The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world, the earth trembled and shook.

19 Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.

20 Thou leddest thy people like a flock, by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

PSAL. LXXVIII.

1 An exhortation both to learn and to preach the law of God. 2 The story of Gods wrath against the incredulous and disobedient. 3 The Israelites being rejected, God chose Judah, Zion and David.

Maichil of Asaph.

Give ear, O my people, to my law: Gentline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:

3 which we have heard and known: and our fathers have told us.

4 We will not hide them from their children, shewing to y generation to come, the praises of the LORD: and his strength and his wonderfull works that he hath done.

5 For he established a testimony in Jacob, & appointed a law in Israel: which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children.

6 That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born: who should arise and declare them to their children:

7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God; but keep his commandments:

8 And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not he isalt & God.

9 The children of Ephraim being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battel.

10 They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law:

11 And forgot his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them.

12 Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers; in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan,

13 He divided the sea, and caused them to passe through: and he made the waters to stand as an heap.

14 In the day time also he led them with a cloud: and all the night with a light of fire.

15 He clave the rocks in the wilderness: and gave them drink as out of the great depths.

16 He brought streams also out of y rocks, and caused waters to run down like rivers.

17 And they sinned yet more against him: by provoking y most High in y wilderness.

18 And they tempted God in their heart: by asking meat for their lust.

19 Yea, they spake against God: they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?

20 Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?

21 Therefore the LORD heard this, and was wroth, so a fire was kindled against Jacob, & anger also came up against Israel:

22 Because they beleevved not in God: and trusted not in his salvation:

23 Though he had commanded y clouds from above, & opened y doors of heaven:

24 And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.

25 Man did eat angels food: he sent them meat to the full.

26 He caused an east-winde to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south-winde.

27 He rained flesh also upon them as dust; and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea.

28 And he let it fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations.

29 So they did eat, and were well filled: for he gave them their own desire.

30 They were not estranged from their lust: but while their meat was yet in their mouths,

31 The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen men of Israel.

32 For all this they sinned still: and beleevved not for his wondrous works.

33 Therefore their dayes did he consume in vanity; and their years in trouble.

34 When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned and enquired early after God.

35 And they remembered that God was their rock, & y high God their redeemer.

36 Nevertheless, they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues.

37 For their heart was not right & him neither were they sted fast in his covenant.

38 But he being full of compassion, forgave their iniquitie, and destroyed them not; Yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.

39 For he remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passeth away and cometh not again.

40 How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert.

Gods plagues in Egypt.

Psalms.

Jerusalem's desolation.

41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God; and limited the holy One of Israel.

42 They remembered not his hand: nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy.

43 How he had wrought his signes in Egypt, & his wonders in the field of Zoan:

44 And had turned their rivers into blood, and their floods, that they could not drink.

45 He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them, and frogs which destroyed them.

46 He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar, and their labour unto a locust.

47 He destroyed their vines with hail, and their figs, comore-trees with frost.

48 He gave up their carpel also to the hail, & their flocks to hot thunder-bolts.

49 He call upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath and indignation and trouble, by sending evil angels among them.

50 He made a way to his anger, he spared not their soul from death: but gave their life over to the pestilence.

51 And smote all the first-born in Egypt: the chief of their strength in the tabernacles of Ham.

52 But made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

53 And he led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

54 And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary, even to this mountain, which his right hand had purchased.

55 He call out the heathen also before them, and divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 Yet they tempted & provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies:

57 But turned back and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers: they were turned aside like a deceitfull bow.

58 For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.

59 When God heard this, he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel:

60 So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent which he placed among men:

61 And delivered his strength into captivity, & his glory into the enemies hand.

62 He gave his people over also unto the sword: & was wroth with his inheritance.

63 The fire consumed their young men: and their maidens were not given to marriage.

64 Their priests fell by the sword: and their widows made no lamentation.

65 Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, and like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.

66 And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts: he put them to a perpetual reproach.

67 Moreover, he refused the tabernacle of Joseph: and chose not the tribe of Ephraim.

68 But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved.

69 And he built his sanctuary like high palaces, like the earth which he hath established for ever.

70 He chose David also his servant,

and took him from the sheep-folds:

71 From following the ewes great with young, he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.

72 So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart: and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

PSAL. LXXIX.

The psalmist complaineth of the desolation of Jerusalem. 8 He prayeth for deliverance, 13 and promiseth thankfulness.

A psalm of Asaph.

O God, the heathen are come into thine inheritance, thy holy temple have they defiled: they have laid Jerusalem upon heaps.

2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be meat unto the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.

3 Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem: and there was none to bury them.

4 We are become a reproach to our neighbours: a scorn and derision to them that are round about us.

5 How long, LORD? wilt thou be angry for ever? shall thy jealousy burn like fire?

6 Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place.

8 O remember not against us former iniquities: let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us: for we are brought very low.

9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins for thy names sake.

10 Wherefore should the heathen say, where is their God? let him be known among the heathen in our fight by the revenging of the blood of thy servants which is shed.

11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee, according to the greatness of thy power: preserve thou those that are appointed to die.

12 And render unto our neighbours sevenfold into their bosom, the reproach wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord.

13 So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture, will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations.

PSAL. LXXX.

The psalmist in his prayer complaineth of the miseries of the church. 8 Gods former favours are turned into judgments. 14 He prayeth for deliverance.

To the chief musician upon Shoshannim Eduth. A psalm of Asaph.

Give ear, O thepherd of Israel, thou that gleadest Joseph like a flock, thou that dwellest between cherubims, shine forth.

2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up thy strength, and come and save us.

3 Turn us again, O God: and cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?

5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears: and givest them tears to drink in great measure.

6 Thou

The troubles of the church.

Psalm.

An exhortation to judge.

6 Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours : and our enemies laugh among themselves.

7 Turn us again, O God of hosts, & cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt : thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

9 Thou preparedst room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.

10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedars.

11 She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river.

12 Why hast thou then broken down her hedges, so that all they which passe by the way, do pluck her ?

13 The bear out of the wood doth waste it : and the wilde beast of the field doth devour it.

14 Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts : look down from heaven, and behold and visit this vine :

15 And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted : and the branch that thou madest strong for thy self.

16 It is burnt with fire, it is cut down : they perish at rebuke of thy countenance.

17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand : upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thy self.

18 So will not we go back from thee : quicken us, & we will call upon thy name.

19 Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine, & we shall be saved.

PSAL. LXXXI.

1 *An exhortation to a solemn praising of God.* 4 *God challengeeth that duty by reason of his benefits.* 8 *God exhorteth to obedience, complaineth of their disobedience, which provoketh their own hurt.*

To the chief musician upon Gittith,

A Psalm of Asaph.

Sing aloud unto God our strength : make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

2 Take a psalm, & bring hither the timbrell, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.

3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon : in the time appointed, on our solemn feast-day.

4 For this was a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

5 This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt : where I heard a language that I understood not.

6 I removed his shoulder from y burden : his hands were delivered from the yoke.

7 Thou calledst in trouble and I delivered thee : I answered thee in the secret place of thunder : I proved thee at the waters of Meribah, Selah.

8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee : O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me :

9 There shall no strange god be in thee : neither shalt thou worship any strange god.

10 I am the LORD thy God which brought thee out of the land of Egypt : open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

11 But my people would not hearken to my voice : and Israel would none of me.

12 So I gave them up unto their own hearts lust : and they walked in their own counsels.

13 O that my people had hearkened unto me : and Israel had walked in my ways.

14 I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.

15 The hatred of the LORD should have submitted themselves unto him : but their time should have endured for ever.

16 He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat : and with honey out of y rock should I have satisfied thee.

PSAL. LXXXII.

1 *The psalmist having exhorted the judges, 5 and reproved their negligence, prayeth God to judge.*

A Psalm of Asaph.

GOD standeth in the congregation of the mighty : he judgeth among the gods.

2 How long will ye judge unjustly ; and accept the persons of the wicked ? Selah.

3 Defend the poor and fatherless : do justice to the afflicted and needy.

4 Deliver the poor and needy : rid them out of the hand of the wicked.

5 They know not, neither will they understand, they walk on in darkness : all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

6 I have said, Ye are gods : and all of you are children of the most High.

7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

8 Arise, O God, judge the earth : for thou shalt inherit all nations.

PSAL. LXXXIII.

1 *A complaint to God of the enemies conspiracies.* 9 *A prayer against them that oppress the church.*

A Song or Psalm of Asaph.

Keep not thou silence, O God : hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.

2 For lo, thine enemies make a tumult, and they y hare thee, have lift up y head.

3 They have taken crafty counsell against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

4 They have said, Come, & let us cut them off from being a nation : that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

5 For they have consulted together & one consent : they are confederate against thee.

6 The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites : of Moab, and the Hagarens.

7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek, the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre.

8 Assur also is joyned with them : they have holpen the children of Lot, Selah.

9 Do unto them as unto the Midjanites : as to Siera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison :

10 Which perished at En-dor : they became as dung for the earth.

11 Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb : yea all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna :

12 Who said, Let us take to our selves the houses of God in possession.

13 O my God make them like a wheel : as the stubble before the wind.

14 As the fire burneth the wood, and as the flame scorcheth the mountain on fire :

15 So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm.

16 Fill their faces with shame : that they may seek thy name, O LORD.

17 Let them be confounded and troubled for ever : yea let them be put to shame, and perish.

The desire of the godly.

18 That men may know, that thou whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most High over all the earth.

PSAL. LXXXIV.

1 The prophet longing for the communion of the sanctuary, 4 sheweth how blessed they are that dwell therein.

5 He prayeth to be restored unto it.

To the chief musician upon Gittith,

A psalm for the sons of Korah.

How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!

2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

3 Yea the sparrow hath found an house, & y swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my king, and my God.

4 Blessed are they y dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.

5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee: in whose heart are y ways of them:

6 Who passing through y valley of Baca, make it a well: y rain also filleth y pools.

7 They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.

9 Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand: I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

12 O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

PSAL. LXXXV.

1 The psalmist out of the experience of former mercies, prayeth for the continuance thereof, 3 He promiseth to wait thereon, out of confidence of Gods goodness.

To the chief musician, A psalm for the sons of Korah.

LORD, thou hast been favourable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Selah.

3 Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned thyself from the fierce ness of thine anger.

4 Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cease thine anger towards us to cease.

5 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?

6 Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

7 Shew us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation.

8 I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

9 Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him: y glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy & truth are met together: righteousness & peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring out of the earth: & righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Psalms.

12 Yea, the LORD shall give y which is good: & our land shall yield her increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him: and shall set us in the way of his steps.

PSAL. LXXXVI.

1 David strengtheneth his prayer by the conscience of his religion, 5 by the goodness and power of God. 11 He desireth the continuance of former grace.

14 Complaining of the proud, he sheweth some token of Gods goodness.

A prayer of David.

Bow down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

2 Preserve my soul, for I am holy: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.

3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.

4 Rejoyce the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

5 For thou Lord art good, and ready to forgive: and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

6 Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer: and attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord, neither are there any works like unto thy works.

9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord: and shall glorifie thy name.

10 For thou art great and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.

11 Teach me thy way, O LORD, I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

12 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorifie thy name for evermore.

13 For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

14 O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul: and have not set thee before them.

15 But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious: long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

16 O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me, give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.

17 Shew me a token for good, that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

PSAL. LXXXVII.

1 The nature and glory of the church.

4 The increase, bonour, and comfort of the members thereof.

A psalm or song for the sons of Korah.

His foundation is in the holy moun- tains.

2 The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

3 Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah.

4 I will make mention of Rahab, and Babylon: to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia: this man was born there.

5 And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the Highest himself shall establish her.

6 The

Aggrieved complaints.

6 the LORD shall count when he
wreath up the people, that this man
was born there. Selah.
7 As well the fingers as the players on
intruments shall be there: all my springs
are in thee.

PSAL. LXXXVIII.

A prayer containing a grievous complaint.
A song or psalm for the sons of Korah, to
the chief musician upon Mahalath Le-
anoth, Maschil of Heman the Ezrahite.

O LORD God of my salvation, I have
cried day and night before thee.
2 Let my prayer come before thee: in-
cline thine ear unto my cry.
3 Nor my soul is full of troubles: and
my life draweth nigh unto the grave.
4 I am counted with them that go down
into the pit: I am as a man that hath
no strength.

5 Free among the dead, like the slain
that lie in the grave, whom thou remem-
berest no more: and they are cut off from
thy hand.

6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit,
in darkness, in the deeps.

7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me: & thou
hast afflicted me with all thy waves. Selah.

8 Thou hast put away mine acquain-
tance far from me: thou hast made me an
abomination unto them: I am shut up,
and I cannot come forth.

9 Mine eye mourneth by reason of afflicti-
on, LORD, I have called daily upon thee,
I have stretched out my hands unto thee.

10 Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead?
shall the dead arise & praise thee? Selah.

11 Shall thy loving kindness be de-
clared in the grave? or thy faithfulness in
destruction?

12 Shall thy wonders be known in the
dark? and thy righteousness in the land
of forgetfulness?

13 But unto thee have I cried, O
LORD, and in the morning shall my
prayer prevent thee.

14 LORD, why castest thou off my
soul? why hidest thou thy face from me?

15 I am afflicted and ready to die, from
my youth up: while I suffer thy terrors,
I am distracted.

16 Thy fierce wrath goeth over me:
thy terrors have cut me off.

17 They came round about me daily like
water: they compassed me about together.

18 Lover and friend hast thou put far
from me, and mine acquaintance into
darkness.

PSAL. LXXXIX.

*The psalmist praises God for his cov-
enant, 5 for his wonderful power, 15 for his
care of his church, 19 for his favour to
the kingdom of David. 38 Then com-
plaining of contrary events, 46 he ex-
pounds, 48 prays, and blesses God.*
Maschil of Heman the Ezrahite.

I will sing of the mercies of the LORD
for ever: with my mouth will I make
known thy faithfulness to all generations.

2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built
up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou
establish in the very heavens.

3 I have made a covenant with my cho-
sen: I have sworn unto David my servant,

4 thy seed will I establish for ever, and
build up thy throne to all generations.
Selah.

Psalms. Praise to God for his covenant.

5 And the heavens shall praise thy won-
ders, O LORD: thy faithfulness also in
the congregation of the saints.

6 For who in the heaven can be compared
unto the LORD? who among the sons of
the mighty can be likened unto thee, O LORD?

7 God is greatly to be feared in the as-
sembly of the saints: and to be had in re-
verence of all them that are about him.

8 O LORD God of hosts, who is a
strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy
faithfulness round about thee?

9 Thou reulest the raging of the sea: when
the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

10 Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces,
as one that is slain: thou hast scattered
thine enemies with thy strong arm.

11 The heavens are thine, the earth
also is thine: as for the world, and the
fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

12 The north and the south thou hast
created: them: Tabor and Hermon shall
rejoice in thy name.

13 Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is
thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

14 Justice and judgement are the habi-
tation of thy throne: mercy and truth
shall go before thy face.

15 Blessed is the people that know the
joyfull sound: they shall walk, O LORD,
in the light of thy countenance.

16 In thy name shall they rejoice all
the day: and in thy righteousness shall
they be exalted.

17 For thou art glory of their strengths:
& in thy favour our horn shall be exalted.

18 For the LORD is our defence: and
the holy One of Israel is our king.

19 Then thou spakest in vision to thy
holy one, and saidst, I have laid help
upon one that is mighty: I have exalted
one chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David my servant: with
my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 With whom my hand shall be establi-
shed: mine arm also shall strengthen him.

22 The enemy shall not exact upon him:
nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

23 And I will beat down his foes before
his face, and plague them that hate him.

24 But my faithfulness and my mercy
shall be with him: and in my name shall
his horn be exalted.

25 I will set his hand also in the sea,
and his right hand in the rivers.

26 He shall cry unto me, Thou art my sa-
luation, my God, & the rock of my salvation.

27 Also I will make him my first-born,
higher than the kings of the earth.

28 My mercy will I keep for him for-
evermore: and my covenant shall stand
with him.

29 His seed also will I make to endure for-
ever, & his throne as the days of heaven.

30 If his children forsake my law, and
walk not in my judgements:

31 If they break my statutes, and keep
not my commandments:

32 Then will I visit their transgression
with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

33 Nevertheless, my loving kindness
will I not utterly take from him: nor
suffer my faithfulness to fail.

34 My covenant will I not break: nor
alter I thing that I have gone out of my lips.

35 Once have I sworn by my holiness
that I will not lie unto David.

The brevity of mans life.

Psalms.

The safety of the godly.

36 His seed shall endure for ever; and his throne as the sun before me.

37 It shall be established for ever as the moon; and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.

38 But thou hast cast off and abhorred, thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.

39 Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant: thou hast profaned his crown, by casting it to the ground.

40 Thou hast broken down all his hedges: thou hast brought his strong holds to ruin.

41 All that passe by the way spoil him: he is a reproach to his neighbours.

42 Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries: thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.

43 Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword: and hast not made him to stand in the battle.

44 Thou hast made his glory to cease: and cast his throne down to the ground.

45 The dayes of his youth hast thou shortened: thou hast covered him with shame. Selah.

46 How long LORD, wilt thou hide thy self for ever? thine wrath burn like fire?

47 Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain?

48 What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah.

49 Lord, where are thy former loving kindnesse, which thou swarest unto David in thy truth?

50 Remember (LORD) the reproach of thy servants: how I do bear in my bosom the reproach of all the mighty people;

51 wherewith thine enemies have reproached. O LORD: wherewith they have reproached thy foot-steps of thine anointed.

52 Blessed be the LORD for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

PSAL. XC.

1 Moses setting forth Gods providence, a complaint of humane fragility, divine chastisements, 10 and brevity of life. 12 He prayeth for the knowledge & sensible experience of Gods good providence.

A prayer of Moses the man of God.

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world: even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

3 Thou turnest man to destruction: and sayest, Return ye children of men.

4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood, they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

6 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

7 For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

9 For all our dayes are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.

10 The dayes of our years are three score years and ten; and if by reason of

strength, they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow: for it is soon cut off, and we flie away.

11 Who knoweth thy power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, & thy wrath?

12 So teach us to number our dayes, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

14 O satisfy us early with thy mercy: so we may rejoice, & be glad all our dayes.

15 Make us glad according to the dayes wherein thou hast afflicted us: and the years wherein we have seen evil.

16 Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

17 And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

PSAL. XCI.

1 The state of the godly. 2 Their safety. 9 Their habitation. 11 Their servants. 14 Their friends, with the effects of them all.

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge, & my fortress: my God, in him will I trust.

3 Surely, he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler: and from the unclean perilence.

4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night: nor for arrow that flieth by day;

6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness: nor for destruction that wasteth at noon-day.

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Onely with thine eyes shalt thou behold, and see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because thou hast made the LORD which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation:

10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy wayes:

12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion, and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him, and honour him.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

PSAL. XCII.

1 The prophet exhorteth to praise God, 4 for his great works, 6 for his judgments on the wicked, 12 and for his goodness to the godly.

A psalm, or song for the sabbath-day.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:

2 To shew forth thy loving kindnesse in the morning, & thy faithfulness every night;

3 Upon an instrument of ten strings,
and upon the psaltery, upon the harp
with a solemn sound.

4 For thou, LORD, hast made me glad
through thy work: I will triumph in the
work of thy hands.

5 O LORD, how great are thy works!
and thy thoughts are very deep.

6 A brutish man knoweth not: neither
doth a fool understand this.

7 When the wicked lying as y^e grass, and
when all y^e workers of iniquity do flourish:
it is that they shall be destroyed for ever.

8 But thou, LORD, art most high for
evermore.

9 For lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for
lo, thine enemies shall perish: all the work-
ers of iniquity shall be scattered.

10 But my horn shalt thou exalt like
the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed
with oil.

11 Mine eye also shall see my desire on
mine enemies: and mine ears shall hear my
desire of y^e wicked that rise up against me.

12 The righteous shall flourish like the
palm-tree: he shall grow like a cedar in
Lebanon.

13 Those that be planted in the house
of the LORD, shall flourish in the courts
of our God.

14 They shall still bring forth fruit in
old age: they shall be fat, and flourishing:

15 To shew that the LORD is upright:
he is my rock, and there is no unrighte-
ousness in him.

PSAL. XCIII.

*1 The majesty, power, and holiness of
Christs kingdom.*

THE LORD reigneth, he is clothed
with majesty, the LORD is clothed
with strength wherewith he hath girded
himself: the world also is stablished,
that it cannot be moved.

2 Thy throne is established of old:
thou art from everlasting.

3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
the floods have lifted up their voice: the
floods lift up their waves.

4 The LORD on high is mightier than
the noise of many waters, yea, then the
mighty waves of the sea.

5 Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness
becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever.

PSAL. XCIV.

*1 The prophet calling for justice, com-
plaineth of tyranny and impiety. 8 He
teacheth Gods providence. 12 He shew-
eth the blessedness of affliction. 16 God
is the defender of the afflicted.*

O LORD God, to whom vengeance be-
longeth: O God to whom vengeance
belongeth, shew thy self.

2 Lift up thy self thou judge of the
earth: render a reward to the proud.

3 O LORD, how long shall the wicked,
how long shall the wicked triumph?

4 How long shall they utter and speak
hard things? and all the workers of in-
iquity boast themselves?

5 They break in pieces thy people, O
LORD, and afflict thine heritage.

6 They slay the widow and the stran-
ger, and murder the fatherless.

7 Yet they say, The LORD shall not see:
neither shall the God of Jacob regard us.

8 Understand, ye brutish among the
people; & ye fools, when will ye be wise?

9 He y^e planted the ear, shall he not hear?
he that formed the eye, shall he not see?

10 He that chastiseth the heathen, shall
not he correct? he that teacheth man
knowledge, shall not he know?

11 The LORD knoweth the thoughts
of man, that they are vanity.

12 Blessed is y^e man whom thou chastenest,
O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law:

13 That thou mayest give him rest
from the days of adversity, until the
pit be digged for the wicked.

14 For the LORD will not cast off
his people, neither will he forsake his
inheritance.

15 But judgment shall return unto
righteousness: and all the upright in
heart shall follow it.

16 Who will rise up for me against the
evil doers? or who will stand up for me
against the workers of iniquity?

17 Unless the LORD had been my help,
my soul had almost dwelt in silence.

18 When I said, My foot slippeth: thy
mercy, O LORD, held me up.

19 In the multitude of my thoughts
within me, thy comforts delight my soul.

20 Shall the throne of iniquity have
fellowship with thee, which frameth
mischief by a law?

21 They gather themselves together
against the soul of the righteous, and
condemn the innocent blood.

22 But the LORD is my defence: and
my God is the rock of my refuge.

23 And he shall bring upon them their
own iniquity, and shall cut them off in
their own wickedness; yea, the LORD
our God shall cut them off.

PSAL. XCV.

*1 An exhortation to praise God, 2 for
his greatness, 6 and for his goodness
8 and not to tempt him.*

O Come let us sing unto the LORD:
let us make a joyfull noise to the
rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with
thanksgiving, and make a joyfull noise
unto him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great God, and
a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the deep places of the
earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

5 He seeth his, and he made it: and
his hands formed the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship and bow down:
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

7 For he is our God, and we are the
people of his pasture, and the sheep of his
hand: to day if ye will hear his voice,

8 Harden not your heart, as in the pro-
vocation, and as in the day of tempta-
tion in the wilderness:

9 When your fathers tempted me, pro-
ved me, and saw my work.

10 Forty years long was I grieved
with this generation, and said, It is a
people that do erre in their heart, and
they have not known my wayes.

11 Unto whom I sware in my wrath,
that they should not enter into my rest.

PSAL. XCVI.

*1 An exhortation to praise God, 2 for
his greatness, 9 for his kingdom
11 for his generall judgements.*

O Sing unto the LORD a new song:
sing unto the LORD all the earth.

The majesty of Gods kingdom. Psalms.

God is to be praised.

2 Sing unto the LORD, bleſſe his name:
ſhew forth his ſalvation from day to day.
3 Declare his glorie among the heathen,
his wonders among all people.

4 For y LORD is great, & greatly to be
praiſed: he is to be feared above all gods.
5 For a'l the gods of the nations are
idols; but the LORD made the heavens.

6 Honour and majeltie are before him;
ſtrength and beaurie are in his ſanctuary.

7 Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds
of the people, give unto the LORD
glorie and ſtrength.

8 Give unto the LORD the glorie due
unto his name; bring an offering and
come into his courts.

9 O worſhip the LORD in the beaulte
of holineſſe; fear before him all y earth.

10 Say among the heathen, that the
LORD reigneth: the world alſo ſhall be
eſtabliſhed: that it ſhall not be moved; he
ſhall judge the people righteouſly.

11 Let the heavens rejoyce, and let the
earth be glad: let the ſea roar, and the
fullneſſe thereof.

12 Let the field be joyfull, and all that
is therein: then ſhall all the trees of the
wood rejoyce:

13 Before the LORD; for he cometh,
for he cometh to judge the earth: he
ſhall judge the world with righteouſ-
neſſe, and the people with his truth.

PSAL. XC VII.

1 The majesty of Gods kingdom. 7 The
church rejoyceth at Gods judgements
upon idolaters. 10 An exhortation to
godlineſſe and gladneſſe.

THe LORD reigneth, let the earth re-
joyce: let the multitude of iſles be
glad thereof.

2 Clouds and darkneſſe are round about
him: righteouſneſſe and judgement are
the habitation of his throne.

3 A fire goeth before him, and burneth
up his enemies round about.

4 His lightnings enlightened the
world: the earth ſaw and trembled.

5 The hills melted like wax at the pre-
ſence of the LORD: at the preſence of
the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteouſ-
neſſe: and all the people ſee his glorie.

7 Conſounded he all they that ſerve
graven images, that boaſt themſelves
of idols: worſhip him all ye gods.

8 Zion heard, and was glad, and the
daughters of Judah rejoyced; becauſe of
thy judgements, O LORD.

9 For thou, LORD, art high above all y
earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.

10 Ye that love the LORD, hate evil:
he preserveth y ſouls of his ſaints, he de-
livereth them out of the hand of wicked.

11 Light is ſown for the righteous, and
gladneſſe for the upright in heart.

12 Rejoyce in the LORD, ye righteous:
and give thanks at the remembrance of
his holineſſe.

PSAL. XCVIII.

1 The psalmist exhorteth the Jews, 4 the
Gentiles, 7 and all the creatures to
praise God.

A psalm.

O Sing unto the LORD a new ſong,
for he hath done marvellous things:
his right hand, and his holy arm hath
fought him the victory.

1 The LORD hath made known his ſal-
vation: his righteouſneſſe he hath he openly
ſhewed in the ſight of the heathen.

3 He hath remembered his mercy and
his truth toward the houſe of Iſrael: all
the ends of the earth have ſeen the ſal-
vation of our God.

4 Make a joyfull noiſe unto the LORD,
all the earth: make a loud noiſe, and
rejoyce, and ſing praiſe.

5 Sing unto the LORD with the harp,
with the harp, and the voyce of a psalm.

6 With trumpets & ſound of cornet: make
a joyfull noiſe before the LORD, y king.

7 Let the ſea roar, and the fullneſſe there-
of: the world, & they that dwell therein.

8 Let the floods clap their hands: let
the hills be joyfull together:

9 Before the LORD; for he cometh to
judge the earth: & righteouſneſſe ſhall be
judge the world, & the people & equity.

PSAL. XCIX.

1 The prophet ſetting forth the kingdom
of God in Zion, 3 exhorteth all, by
the example of ſeveral fathers, to worſhip
God at his holy hill.

THe LORD reigneth, let the people
tremble: he ſitteth between the
cherubims, let the earth be moved.

2 The LORD is great in Zion, and he
is high above all people.

3 Let them praiſe thy great and terri-
ble name: for it is holy.

4 The kings ſtrength alſo loveth judge-
ment, thou doſt eſtablish equity, thou ex-
ecuteſt judgement and righteouſneſſe in
Jacob.

5 Exalt ye the LORD our God, and
worſhip at his footſtool: for he is holy.

6 Moſes and Aaron amongſt his prieſts,
and Samuel among them that call upon
his name: they called upon the LORD,
and he answered them.

7 He ſpake unto them in the cloudy
pillar: they kept his teſtimonies, and
the ordinance that he gave them.

8 Thou answeredſt them, O LORD
our God: thou waſt a God that forga-
veſt them, though thou tookeſt ven-
geance of their inventions.

9 Exalt the LORD our God, and wor-
ſhip at his holy hill: for the LORD
our God is holy.

PSAL. C.

1 An exhortation to praise God cheerfully,
3 for his greatness, 4 and for his power.

A psalm of praise.

Make a joyfull noiſe unto the LORD,
all ye lands.

2 Serve the LORD with gladneſſe:
come before his preſence with ſinging.

3 Know ye that the LORD he is God,
it is he that hath made us, and not we
our ſelves; we are his people, and the
ſheep of his paſture.

4 Enter into his gates with thankſgiving,
and into his courts with praiſe: be
thankfull unto him, and bleſſe his name.

5 For the LORD is good; his mercy
is everlaſting: and his truth endureth to
all generations.

PSAL. CI.

David maketh a vow and profeſſion of
godlineſſe.

A psalm of David.

I will ſing of mercy and judgement:
unto thee, O LORD, will I ſing.

2 I will

2 I will behave my self wisely in a perfect way : O when wilt thou come unto me : I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes : I hate the work of them that turn aside, it shall not cleave to me.

4 A froward heart shall depart from me : I will not know a wicked person.

5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look, and a proud heart, will not I suffer.

6 Mine eyes shall be upon, the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me : he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

7 He that worketh deceit, shall not dwell within my house : he that telleth lies, shall not tarry in my sight.

8 I will early destroy all the wicked of the land : that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.

PSAL. CII.

1 The prophet in his prayer maketh a grievous complaint. 12 He taketh comfort in the eternity and mercy of God. 18 The mercies of God are to be recorded. 23 He sustains his weakness by the unchangeableness of God.

A prayer of the afflicted when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before the LORD.

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee.

2 Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble, incline thine ear unto me : in the day when I call, answer me speedily.

3 For my dayes are consumed like smoke: and my bones are burnt as an hearth.

4 My heart is singed, and withered like grass: so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 By reason of the voice of my groaning, my bones cleave to my skin.

6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert.

7 I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house-top.

8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day : and they that are mad against me, are sworn against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping :

10 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath : for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.

11 My dayes are like a shadow, that declineth : and I am withered like grass.

12 But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever, and thy remembrance unto all generations.

13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion : for the time to favour her, yea the settime is come.

14 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof.

15 So the heathen shall fear thy name O LORD: & all kings of the earth thy glory.

16 When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

18 This shall be written for the generation to come : and the people which shall be created, shall praise the LORD.

19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary : from heaven

did the LORD behold the earth :

20 To hear the groaning of the prisoners, to loose those who are appointed to death :

21 To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem :

22 When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms to serve the LORD.

23 He weakened my strength in the way : he shortened my dayes.

24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my dayes : thy years are throughout all generations.

25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth : and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea all of them shall wax old like a garment: as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed.

27 But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.

28 The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

PSAL. CIII.

1 An exhortation to bless God for his mercy, 15 and for the constancy thereof.

A Psalm of David.

Bless the LORD, O my soul : and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities : who healeth all thy diseases.

4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction : who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies.

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things : so that thy youth is renewed like the eagles.

6 The LORD executeth righteousness & judgement for all that are oppressed.

7 He made known his wayes unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

8 The LORD is mercifull & gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

9 He will not alwayes chide : neither will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins : nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

11 For as the heaven is high above the earth : so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west : so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

13 Like as a father pitieth his children : so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

14 For he knoweth our frame : he remembereth that we are dust.

15 As for man, his dayes are as grass : as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone : and the place thereof shall know it no more.

17 But the mercie of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him : and his righteousness unto childrens children.

18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in heavens : & his kingdom ruleth over all.

20 Bless the LORD ye his angels : ye ex-
toll in strength, & do his commandments, hear-

Gods mighty tower.

hearkning unto the voice of his word.
 21 Bless ye the LORD all ye his hosts,
 ye ministers of his that do his pleasure.
 22 Bless the LORD all his works in
 all places of his dominion: bless the
 LORD, O my soul.

PSAL. CIV.

1 *A meditation upon the mighty power,
 7 and wonderfull providence of God.*
 21 *Gods glory is eternall.* 33 *The pro-*
phet voweth perpetually to praise God.

Bless ye LORD, O my soul: O LORD
 my God, thou art very great, thou art
 gloried with honour and majesty.

2 Who coverest thyself with light, as
 with a garment: who stretchest out the
 heavens like a curtain.

3 Who layeth the beames of his
 chambers in the waters, who maketh
 the clouds his chariot, who walketh up-
 on the wings of the winde.

4 Who maketh his angels spirits: his
 ministers a flaming fire.

5 Who laid y foundations of the earth,
 that it should not be removed for ever.

6 Thou coveredst it with the deep as
 with a garment: the waters stood above
 the mountains.

7 At thy rebuke they fled: at the voice
 of thy thunder they hasted away.

8 They go up by the mountains: they
 go down by the valleys unto the place
 which thou hast founded for them.

9 Thou hast set a bound that they may
 not passe over: that they turn not again
 to cover the earth.

10 He sendeth the springs into the
 valleys, which run among the hills.

11 They give drink to every beast of the
 field: the wilde asses quench their thirst.

12 By them shall the fowls of the
 heaven have their habitation, which rug
 among the branches.

13 He watereth the hills from his
 chambers: the earth is satisfied with the
 fruit of thy works.

14 He causeth the grasse to grow for the
 cattel, & herb for the service of man: that
 he may bring forth food out of the earth:

15 And wine y maketh glad the heart of
 man, & oyl to make his face to shine, &
 bread which strengtheneth mans heart.

16 The trees of the LORD are full of
 sap: the cedars of Lebanon which he
 hath planted.

17 Where the birds make their nests: as
 for the stork, the fir-trees are her house.

18 The high hills are a refuge for the
 wilde goats: and the rocks for the conies.

19 He appointeth the moon for seasons;
 the sun knoweth his going down.

20 Thou makest darknesse, and it is
 night: wherein all the beasts of the for-
 rest do creep forth.

21 The young Lyons roar after their
 prey, and seek their meat from God.

22 The sun ariseth, they gather themselves
 together, & lay them down in their dens.

23 Man goeth forth to his work,
 and to his labour untill the evening.

24 O LORD, how manifold are thy
 works! in wisdom hast thou made them
 all: the earth is full of thy riches.

25 So is this great and wide sea, where-
 in are things creeping innumerable, both
 small and great beasts.

26 There go the ships; there is y levia-

Psalms.

His gloria is eternall.

than, whom thou hast made to play therein.

27 These wait all upon thee: thou may-
 est give them their meat in due season.

28 That thou givest them they gather:
 thou openest thine hand, they are filled
 with good.

29 Thou hidest thy face, they are trou-
 bled; thou takest away their breath, they
 die, and return to their dust.

30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they
 are created: and thou renewest the face
 of the earth.

31 The glory of y LORD shall endure for
 every LORD shall rejoyce in his works.

32 He looketh on the earth, & it trem-
 bleth; he toucheth y hills, & they smoke.

33 I will sing unto the LORD as long
 as I live: I will sing praise unto my God,
 while I have my being.

34 My meditation of him shall be
 sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.

35 Let the inners be consumed out of
 the earth, and let the wicked be no
 more: bless thou the LORD, O my soul.
 Praise ye the LORD.

PSAL. CV.

1 *An exhortation to praise God, & to seek
 out his works.* 7 *The glory of Gods pro-*
vidence over Abraham, & over Joseph,

23 *over Jacob in Egypt, & over Moses*
delivering the Israelites, & 37 over the
Israelites brought out of Egypt, fed in
the wilderness, and planted in Canaan.

O Give thanks unto the LORD; call
 upon his name: make known his
 deeds among the people.

2 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto
 him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.

3 Glory ye in his holy name: let the
 heart of them rejoyce y seek the LORD.

4 Seek the LORD, and his strength:
 seek his face evermore.

5 Remember his marvellous works
 that he hath done, his wonders, and the
 judgements of his mouth.

6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant;
 ye children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the LORD our God, his judge-
 ments are in all the earth.

8 He hath remembered his covenant
 for ever: the word which he command-
 ed to a thousand generations.

9 Which covenant he made with Abra-
 ham, and his oath unto Isaac.

10 And confirmed the same unto Ja-
 cob for a law, and to Israel for an ever-
 lasting covenant.

11 Saying, Unto thee will I give y land
 of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance.

12 When they were but a few men in
 number: yea, very few, & strangers in it.

13 When they went from one nation
 to another, from one kingdom to ano-
 ther people.

14 He suffered no man to do them wrong:
 yea, he reproved kings for their falsity:

15 Saying, Touch not mine anointed,
 and do my prophets no harm.

16 Moreover, he called for a famine, upon
 y land: he brake the whole staff of bread.

17 He sent a man before them, even
 Joseph, who was sold for a servant,

18 whose feet they hurt with fetters:
 he was laid in iron.

19 Untill the time that his word came:
 the word of the LORD tried him.

20 The king sent and looked him, even
 the

A series of Gods providence.

Psalms.

The peoples rebellion

the ruler of y people, & let him go free.

11 He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance :

12 To blesse his princes at his pleasure ; and teach his senators wisdom.

13 Israel also came into Egypt : and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham,

14 And he increased his people greatly ; & made them stronger then their enemies.

15 He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal subtilly with his servants.

16 He sent Moses his servant, and Aaron whom he had chosen

17 They shewed his signes among them, and wonders in the land of Ham.

18 He sent darknesse, and made it dark : and they rebelled not against his word.

19 He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish.

20 The land brought forth frogs in abundance, in the chambers of their kings.

21 He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies, and lice in all their coasts.

22 He gave them hail for rain : and flaming fire in their land.

23 He smote their vines also & their fig-trees : and brake the trees of their coasts.

24 He spake, and the locusts came : and caterpillars, and that without number,

25 And did eat up all the herbs in their land : & devoured y fruit of their ground.

26 He smote also all the first-born in their land ; the chief of all their strength.

27 He brought them forth also with silver and gold, and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.

28 Egypt was glad when they departed : for the fear of them fell upon them.

29 He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light in the night.

30 The people asked, & he brought quails : and satisfied them & the bread of heaven.

31 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out, they ran in the dry places like a river.

32 For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant.

33 And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness :

34 And gave them the lands of the heathen : and they inherited the labour of the people.

35 That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the LORD.

PSAL. CVI.

1 The psalmist exhorteth to praise God.

4 He prayeth for pardon of sin, as God did with the fathers : 7 The story of the peoples rebellion, and Gods mercy. 47 He continueth with prayer and praise.

Praise ye the LORD, O give thanks unto the LORD : for he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever.

2 who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD who can shew forth all his praise?

3 Blessed are they that keep judgements, and he y doth righteousness at all times.

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people :

O visit me with thy salvation :

5 That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoyce in the gladness of thy nation : that I may glory with thine inheritance.

6 We have sinned with our fathers : we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt, they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies, but provoked him at the sea, even at the Red sea.

8 Nevertheless, he saved them for his names sake : that he might make his mighty power to be known.

9 He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up : so he led them through the depths as through the wilderness.

10 And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them : and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 And the waters covered their enemies : there was not one of them left.

12 Then believed they his words, they sang his praise.

13 They soon forgot his works, they waited not for his counsel :

14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.

15 And he gave them their request, but sent leanness into their soul.

16 They envied Moses also in the camp, and Aaron the saint of the LORD.

17 The earth opened & swallowed up Dathan, & covered the company of Abiram.

18 And a fire was kindled in their company : the flame burnt up the wicked.

19 They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image.

20 Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass.

21 They forgot God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt :

22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and terrible things by the Red sea.

23 Therefore he said y he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach : to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them.

24 Yea, they despised the pleasant land : they believed not his word :

25 But murmured in their tents, and hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD.

26 Therefore he lifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness :

27 To overthrow their seed also among the nations, & to scatter them in y lands.

28 They joyned themselves also unto Baal-peor, and ate y sacrifices of y dead.

29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their inventions : and the plague brake in upon them.

30 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgement : & so y plague was stayed.

31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness, unto all generations for evermore.

32 They angered him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes :

33 Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

34 They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the LORD commanded them :

35 But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works.

36 And they served their idols, which were a snare unto them.

37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils,

38 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan :

Canan

Canaan: & land was polluted with blood.

39 Thus were they defiled with their own works: and went a whoring with their own inventions.

40 Therefore was the wrath of γ LORD kindled against his people, inasmuch as he abhorred his own inheritance.

41 And he gave them into the hand of the heathen: and they that hated them, ruled over them.

42 Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.

43 Many times did he deliver them, but they provoked him with their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless, he regarded their affliction when he heard their cry.

45 And he remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mercies.

46 He made them also to be pried of all those that carried them captives.

47 Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen; to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise.

48 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: & let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye γ LORD.

PSAL. CVII.

3 The psalmist exhorteth the redeemed in praising God to observe his manifold providence, 4 over travellers, 10 over captives, 17 over sick men, 23 over seamen, 32 and in diverse varieties of life.

O Give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

1 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

2 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

3 They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way, they found no city to dwell in.

4 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

5 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.

6 And he led them forth by γ right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

7 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderfull works to the children of men:

8 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

9 Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron:

10 Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High:

11 Therefore he brought down their heart with labour, they fell down and there was none to help.

12 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.

13 He brought them out of darkness, and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.

14 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderfull works to γ children of men:

15 For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

16 Fools, because of their transgressions, & because of their iniquities, are afflicted,

17 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat, and they draw near unto the gates of death.

18 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble: he saveth them out of their distresses.

19 He sent his word, and healed them, & delivered them from their destructions.

20 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, & for his wonderfull works to the children of men.

21 And let them sacrifice the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

22 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters:

23 These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.

24 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which liftereth up the waves thereof.

25 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths, their soul is melted because of trouble.

26 They reel to & fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits end.

27 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

28 He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

29 Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

30 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, & for his wonderfull works to the children of men.

31 Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assemble of the elders.

32 He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the water-springs into dry ground;

33 A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them γ dwell therein.

34 He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into water-springs.

35 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation:

36 And sowe the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.

37 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly, and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

38 Again they are diminished & brought low through oppression, affliction and sorrow.

39 He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no way.

40 Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction, and maketh him families like a flock.

41 The righteous shall see it, and rejoice; & all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

42 Whoso is wise, and will observe those things, even they shall understand the loving kindness of the LORD.

PSAL. CVIII.

1 David encourageth himself to praise God, 5 He prayeth for Gods assistance according to his promise, 11 His confidence in Gods help.

A psalm against the wicked.

Psalm.

Christ's kingdom.

A song or psalm of David.

O God, my heart is fixed, I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

2 Awake psaltery and harp : *my self* will awake early.

3 I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people : and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

4 For thy mercy is great above the heavens : and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens : & thy glory above all the earths.

6 Thus thy beloved may be delivered : save with thy right hand and answer me.

7 God hath spoken in his holiness, I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead is mine, Manasse is mine, Ephraim also is the strength of mine head, Judah is my law-giver.

9 Moab is my wash-pot, over Edom will I cast out my shoe : over Philistia will I triumph.

10 Who will bring me into the strong city ? who will lead me into Edom ?

11 *Will not thou, O God, who hast cast us off ? and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts ?*

12 Give us help from trouble : for vain is the help of man.

13 Through God we shall do valiantly : for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.

PSAL. CIX.

David complaining of his slanderous enemies, under the person of Iudas, devoted to them. 16 He sheweth their sin. 21 Complaining of his own misery, he prayeth for help. 30 He promiseth thankfulness.

To the chief musician. A psalm of David.

Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise.

2 For the mouth of the wicked, and the mouth of the deceitfull are opened against me : they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

3 They compassed me about also with words of hatred : and fought against me without a cause.

4 For my love, they are my adversaries : but I give myself unto prayer.

5 And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

6 Set thou a wicked man over him : and let Satan stand at his right hand.

7 When he shall be judged, let him be condemned, and let his prayer become sin.

8 Let his dayes be few, and let another take his office.

9 Let his children be fatherlesse, and his wife a widow.

10 Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg : let them seek their bread also out of their desolate places.

11 Let the extortioner catch all that he hath : and let the stranger spoil his labour.

12 Let there be none to extend mercy unto him : neither let there be any to favour his fatherlesse children.

13 Let his posterity be cut off, and in the generation following let their name be blotted out.

14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the LORD : and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

15 Let them be before the LORD continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth.

16 Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart.

17 As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him : as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him.

18 As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment : so let it come into his bowels like water, & like oil into his bones.

19 Let it be unto him as the garment which covereth him, and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually.

20 Let this be the reward of mine adversaries from the LORD, and of them that speak evil against my soul.

21 But do thou for me, O GOD the Lord, for thy names sake : because thy mercy is good, deliver thou me.

22 For I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.

23 I am gone like the shadow, when it declineth : I am tossed up and down as the locust.

24 My knees are weak through fasting : and my flesh faileth of fatnesse.

25 I became also a reproach unto them : when they looked upon me, they shaked their heads.

26 Help me, O LORD my God : O save me according to thy mercy :

27 That they may know, that this is thy hand : that thou LORD hast done it.

28 Let them curse, but blesse thou : when they arise, let them be ashamed : but let thy servant rejoice.

29 Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame : & let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle.

30 I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth : yea, I will praise him among the multitude.

31 For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul.

PSAL. CX.

1 The kingdom, 4 the priesthood, 5 the conquest, 7 and the passion of Christ.

A psalm of David.

THE LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, untill I make thine enemies thy foot-stool.

2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion : rule thou in the mids of thine enemies.

3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning : thou hast the dew of thy youth.

4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchisedek.

5 The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.

6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies : he shall wound the heads over many countreys.

7 He shall drink of the brook in the way : therefore shall he lift up the head.

PSAL. CXI.

1 The psalmist by his example inciteth others to praise God, for his glorious, 5 and gracious works. 10 The fear of God breedeth true wisdom.

PRAISE YE LORD, I will praise thee with my whole heart, in the assembly

The prosperity of the godly.

of the upright; and in the congregation.
2 The works of **YHWH** are great, sought out of all them *y* have pleasure therein.
3 His work is honourable and glorious and his righteousness endureth for ever.
4 He hath made his wonderfull works to be remembered: the **LORD** is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He hath given meat unto them *y* fear him: he will ever be mindfull of his covenant.

6 He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

7 The works of his hands are verily and judgemental his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

9 He sent redemption unto his people, he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.

10 The fear of the **LORD** is the beginning of wisdom, a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

PSAL. CXII.

1 Godliness hath the promise of this life, 4 and of the life to come. 10 The prosperity of the godly shall be an eye-sore to the wicked.

Praise ye the **LORD**. Blessed is *y* man that feareth the **LORD**, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: *y* generation of *y* upright shall be blessed.

3 Wealth & riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

5 A good man sheweth favour, & lendeth; he will guide his affairs with discretion.

6 Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the **LORD**.

8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.

9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to *y* poor his righteousness, endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

10 The wicked shall see it, & be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

PSAL. CXIII.

1 An exhortation to praise God for his excellency, 6 for his mercy.

Praise ye the **LORD**. Praise, O ye servants of the **LORD**, praise the name of the **LORD**.

2 Blessed be the name of the **LORD**, from this time forth and for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the **LORDS** name is to be praised.

4 The **LORD** is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like unto the **LORD** our God, who dwelleth on high?

6 Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, & in the earth?

7 He raiseth up the poor out of *y* dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill:

8 That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people.

9 He maketh the barren woman to keep

psalm.

Exhortations to fear God.

house; and to be a joyful mother of children: Praise ye the **LORD**.

PSAL. CXIII.

An exhortation by the example of the dumb creatures, to fear God in his cruelty.

When Israel went out of Egypt, 'the house of Jacob, from a people of strange language.

2 Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea saw it, and fled; Jordan was driven back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs.

5 What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?

6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams; and ye little hills like lambs?

7 Tremble thou earth at the presence of the **LORD**: at the presence of the God of Jacob.

8 Which turned the rock into a standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

PSAL. CXV.

1 Because God is truly glorious, 4 and idol's are vanity, 9 he exhorteth to confidence in God. 12 God is to be blessed for his blessings.

Not unto us, O **LORD**, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truths sake.

2 Wherefore should the heathen say, where is now their God?

3 But our God is in the heavens, he hath done whatsoever he pleased.

4 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of mens hands.

5 They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not.

6 They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not.

7 They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.

8 They that make them, are like unto them: so is every one *y* trusteth in them.

9 O Israel, trust thou in the **LORD**! he is their help and their shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust in the **LORD**: he is their help and their shield.

11 Ye that fear the **LORD**, trust in the **LORD**: he is their help and their shield.

12 The **LORD** hath been mindfull of us, he will bless us, he will bless the house of Israel, he will bless *y* house of Aaron.

13 He will bless them that fear the **LORD**, both small and great.

14 The **LORD** shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

15 You are blessed of the **LORD**, which made heaven and earth.

16 The heaven, even the heavens are the **LORDS**: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

17 The dead praise not the **LORD**, neither any that go down into silence.

18 But we will bless the **LORD** from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the **LORD**.

PSAL. CXVI.

1 The psalmist professeth his love and duty to God for his deliverance. 12 He studieth to be thankful.

I Love the **LORD**, because he hath heard my voice, and my supplications.

2 Because he hath enlarged his ear unto

A song of deliverance.

90 me; therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

3 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.

4 Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous: yea, our God is merciful.

6 The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.

7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul, for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.

8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

9 I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

10 I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted.

11 I said in my haste, All men are liars.

12 What shall I render unto the LORD, for all his benefits towards me?

13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

14 I will pay my vows unto the LORD, now in the presence of all his people.

15 Precious in the sight of the LORD, is the death of his saints.

16 Oh LORD, truly I am thy servant, I am thy servant, and the son of thy handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.

17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.

18 I will pay my vows unto the LORD, now in the presence of all his people:

19 In the courts of the LORDS house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

PSAL. CXVII.

An exhortation to praise God for his mercy and compassions.

O Praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

2 For his merciful kindness is great towards us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD.

PSAL. CXVIII.

1 *An exhortation to praise God for his mercy.* 5 *The psalmist by his experience sheweth how good it is to trust in God.*

19 *Under the type of the psalmist, the coming of Christ in his kingdom is expressed.*

O Give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let Israel now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

3 Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

4 Let them now that fear the LORD say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

5 I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place.

6 The LORD is on my side, I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

7 The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.

8 It is better to trust in the LORD, than to put confidence in man.

9 It is better to trust in the LORD, than to put confidence in princes.

10 All nations compassed me about; but in

psalm. The coming of Christ in his kingdom.

the name of the LORD will I destroy them.

11 They compassed me about, yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

12 They compassed me about like bees, they are quenched as fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

13 Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the LORD helped me.

14 The LORD is my strength and song: and is become my salvation.

15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go in to them, and I will praise the LORD.

20 This gate of the LORD, into which the righteous shall enter.

21 I will praise thee, for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders refused, is become the head-stone of the corner.

23 This is the LORDS doing, it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 This is the day which the LORD hath made, we will rejoice & be glad in it.

25 Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

26 Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

28 Thou art my God, and I will praise thee; thou art my God, I will exalt thee.

29 O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

PSAL. CXIX.

This psalm containeth sundry prayers, praises, and professions of obedience.

A L E P H.

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.

2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

3 They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

4 Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

5 O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes.

6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgements.

8 I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

B E T H.

9 Wherewithall shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

12 Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes.

G M.

13 With my lips have I declared all thy judgments, O LORD.

14 My righteousness is as the brightness of the sun, and my law as the morning sun.

15 I have sworn, O LORD, that I will not lie: thy righteousness is as the morning sun.

D.

16 Thy testimonies are as the morning sun, and thy law as the morning sun.

13 With my lips have I declared all the judgements of thy mouth.

14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches.

15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

G I M E L.

17 Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word.

18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

19 I am a stranger in the earth, hide not thy commandments from me.

20 My soul breaketh for thy longing: that I may hasten unto thy judgements at all times.

21 Thou hast rebuked the proud that are curled, which do erre from thy commandments.

22 Remove from me reproach and contempt, for I have kept thy testimonies.

23 Princes also did sit and speak against me: but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.

24 Thy testimonies also are my delight, and my counsellors.

D A L E T H.

25 My soul cleaveth unto thy dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.

26 I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me: teach me thy statutes.

27 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

28 My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.

29 Remove from me the way of lying, and grant me thy law graciously.

30 I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgements have I laid before me.

31 I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O LORD, put me not to shame.

32 I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

H E.

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law: yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments, for therein do I delight.

36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity: & quicken thou me in thy way.

38 Establish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear.

39 Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgements are good.

40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

V A U.

41 Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD: even thy salvation according to thy word.

42 So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.

43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgements.

44 So shall I keep thy law continually: for ever and ever.

45 And I will walk at liberty; for I seek thy precepts.

46 I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.

47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments which I have loved.

48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved: and I will meditate in thy statutes.

Z A I N.

49 Remember thy word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.

50 This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.

51 The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not declined from thy law.

52 I remembered thy judgements of old, O LORD: and have comforted my self.

53 Honour hath taken hold upon me: because of the wicked that forsake thy law.

54 Thy statutes have been my songs in the hope of my pilgrimage.

55 I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the night, and have kept thy law.

56 This I had: because I kept thy precepts.

C H E T H.

57 Thou art my portion, O LORD, I have said, that I would keep thy words.

58 I increased thy favour with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word.

59 I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

60 I made haste and delayed not to keep thy commandments.

61 The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not forgotten thy law.

62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee: because of thy righteous judgements.

63 I am a companion of all them that fear thee, & of them that keep thy precepts.

64 The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.

T E T H.

65 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O LORD, according unto thy word.

66 Teach me good judgement, and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.

67 Before I was afflicted, I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

68 Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.

69 The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.

70 Their heart is as fat as grease, but I delight in thy law.

71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted: that I might learn thy statutes.

72 The law of thy mouth is better unto me, then thousands of gold and silver.

J O D.

73 Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

74 They that fear thee, will be glad when they see me: because I have hoped in thy word.

75 I know, O LORD, that thy judgements are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

76 Let I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.

77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, O LORD, that I may live; for thy law is my delight.

75

The benefit of Gods word in affliction. Psalms.

Gods word is wonderful.

78 Let the proud be ashamed, for they dealt perversly with me without a cause; but I will not meddle in thy precepts.

79 Let those y fear thee, turn unto me, and those y have known thy testimonies.

80 Let my heart be found in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.

A P H.

81 My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word.

82 Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?

83 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke: yet do I not forget thy statutes.

84 How many are the dayes of thy servant: when wilt thou execute judgement on them that persecute me?

85 The proud have digged pits for me, which are not after thy law.

86 All thy commandments are faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.

87 They had almost consumed me upon earth: but I forsook not thy precepts.

88 Quicken me after thy loving kindness, so shall I keep y testimony of thy mouth.

L A M E D.

89 For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

90 Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

91 They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants.

92 Unlesse thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

93 I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.

94 I am thine, save me: for I have sought thy precepts.

95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies.

96 I have seen an end of all perfections: but thy commandments exceeding broad

M E M.

97 O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser then mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

99 I have more understanding then all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.

100 I understand more then the ancients: because I keep thy precepts.

101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way: that I may keep thy word.

102 I have not departed from thy judgements: for thou hast taught me.

103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste? yea, sweeter then honey unto my mouth.

104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way

N U N.

105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

106 I have sworn, and I will perform it, y I will keep thy righteous judgements.

107 I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.

108 Accept, I beseech thee, the free-will-offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgements.

109 My soul is continually in my

hand: yet do I not forget thy law.

110 The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.

111 Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

112 I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes always, even unto y end.

S A M E C H.

113 I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love.

114 Thou art my hiding-place, and my shield: I hope in thy word.

115 Depart from me, ye evil doers: for I will keep y commandments of my God.

116 Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

118 Thou hast troden down all them that erre from thy statutes: for their deceit is falsehood.

119 Thou purtest away all the wicked of the earth like dross: therefore I love thy testimonies.

120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee, and I am afraid of thy judgements.

A I N.

121 I have done judgement and justice: leave me nor to mine oppressors.

122 Be suretie for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.

123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness.

124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercie, and teach me thy statutes.

125 I am thy servant: give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.

126 It is time for thee, O LORD, to work: for they have made void thy law.

127 Therefore I love thy commandments above gold, yea above fine gold.

128 Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right: and I hate every false way.

P E.

129 Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

130 The entrance of thy words giveth light: it giveth understanding unto the simple.

131 I opened my mouth, and pantsd for I longed for thy commandments.

132 Look thou upon me, and be mercifull unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.

133 Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts.

135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: and teach me thy statutes.

136 Rivers of waters run down mine eyes: because they keep not thy law.

T S A D D I.

137 Righteous art thou, O LORD, and upright are thy judgements.

138 Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded, are righteous, & very faithfull.

139 My zeal hath consumed me: because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

140 Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

141 I am small and despised: yet do not I forget thy precepts.

David's grief and hope.

142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, & thy law is truth.
143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delights.

144 The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

K O P H.

145 I cried with my whole heart, hear me, O LORD: I will keep thy statutes.

146 I cried unto thee: save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

147 I prevented the dawning of the morning, and said: I hoped in thy word.
148 Mine eyes prevent night-watches, that I might meditate in thy word.

149 Hear my voice according unto thy loving kindness: O LORD quicken me according to thy judgement.

150 They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law.

151 Thou art near, O LORD: and all thy commandments are truth.

152 Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old, that thou hast founded them for ever.

R E S H.

153 Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.

154 Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.

155 Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes.

156 Great are thy tender mercies, O LORD: quicken me according to thy judgements.

157 Many are my persecutors, and mine enemies: yet do I not decline from thy testimonies.

158 I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved: because they kept not thy word.

159 Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy loving kindness.

160 Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgements endureth for ever.

S C H I N.

161 Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

162 I rejoyce at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.

163 I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love.

164 Seven times a day do I praise thee: because of thy righteous judgements.

165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

166 LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.

167 My soul hath kept thy testimonies: and I love them exceedingly.

168 I have kept thy precepts & thy testimonies: for all my ways are before thee.

T A U.

169 Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD: give me understanding according to thy word.

170 Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.

171 My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

172 My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.

Psalms.

The safety of the godly.
173 Let thine hand help me: for I have chosen thy precepts.

174 I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD: and thy law is my delight.

175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee: and let thy judgements help me.

176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep, seek thy servant: for I do not forget thy commandments.

P S A L. C X X.

1 David prayeth against Doeg, & reprovetb his tongue: & complaineth of his necessary conversation with the wicked.

A Song of degrees.

IN my distress I cried unto the LORD, and he heard me.

2 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue.

3 What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue?

4 Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper.

5 Wo is me, that I sojourn in Mesekh, that I dwell in the tents of Kedar.

6 My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace.

7 I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war.

P S A L. C X X I.

1 The great safety of the godly, who put their trust in Gods protection.

A Song of degrees.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

2 My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he y keepeth thee will not slumber.

4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.

6 The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

8 The LORD shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, from this time forth and even for evermore.

P S A L. C X X I I.

1 David professeth his joy for the church, & prayeth for the peace thereof.

A Song of degrees of David.

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.

2 Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is builded as a city, that is compact together:

4 Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.

5 For there are set thrones of judgement: the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

7 Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

8 For my brethren and companions sake, I will now say, Peace be within thee.

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek thy good.

P S A L. C X X I I I.

1 The godly professeth his conscience in Gods
2 & pray to be delivered from contrition.

A Song

A song of degrees.

PSAL. CXXVII.

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

Behold, as *y* eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto *y* hand of her mistress: so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with conceits.

Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, and with the contempt of the proud.

PSAL. CXXIV.

The church blesteth God for a miraculous deliverance.

A song of degrees of David.

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, now may Israel say:

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us:

Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us:

Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul.

Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.

Blessed be the LORD, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.

Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

PSAL. CXXV.

The safety of such as trust in God. 4 A prayer for the godly against the wicked.

A song of degrees.

They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about his people, from henceforth even for ever.

For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous: lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

Do good, O LORD, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts.

As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: but peace shall be upon Israel.

PSAL. CXXVI.

The church celebrating her incredible return out of captivity, 4 prayeth for, & propheseth the good success thereof.

A song of degrees.

When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion: we were like them that dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.

The LORD hath done great things for us: whereof we are glad.

Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the stream in the south.

They sowed in tears, shall reap in joy.

He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

1 The virtue of Gods blessing. 3 Good children are his gift.

A song of degrees for Solomon.

Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrow: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man: so are children of the youth.

Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

PSAL. CXXVIII.

1 The sundry blessings which follow them that fear God.

A song of degrees.

Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD: that walketh in his ways.

For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive-plants, round about thy table.

Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed, that feareth the LORD.

The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem, all the dayes of thy life.

Yea, thou shalt see thy childrens children, and peace upon Israel.

PSAL. CXXIX.

An exhortation to praise God for saving Israel in their great afflictions. 5 The haters of the church are cursed.

A song of degrees.

Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth: may Israel now say.

Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth: yet they have not prevailed against me.

The plowers sowed upon my back: they made long their furrows.

The LORD is righteous: he hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.

Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion.

Let them be as the grass upon *y* house-tops, which withereth afore it groweth up:

herewith will the nether millstone nor his hand: nor he y bindeth himself, his bosom.

Neither do they which go by say, The blessing of the LORD be upon you: we blese you in the name of the LORD.

PSAL. CXXX.

The psalmist professeth his patience in prayer, 5 and his patience in hope. 7 He exhorteth Israel to hope in God.

A song of degrees.

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD.

Lord hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If thou, LORD, shouldst mark iniquities; O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with thee: that thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the LORD, my soul doeth wait, and in his word do I hope.

David's humility, & hope in God's promises. Psalms.

God alone to be praised.

6 My soul waiteth for the Lord, more than they y watch for the morning: I say, more than they y watch for the morning.

7 Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquitie.

PSAL. CXXXI.

1 David professing his humility, 3 exhorteth Israel to hope in God.

A song of degrees of David.

LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes loftie: neither do I exercise my self in great matters, or in things too high for me.

2 Surely I have behaved and quieted my self as a child: that is weaned of his mother: my soul is even as a weaned child.

3 Let Israel hope in the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

PSAL. CXXXII.

1 David in his prayer commendeth unto God the religion care he had for the ark.

6 His prayer at the removing of the ark.

11 With a repetition of God's promises.

A song of degrees.

LORD remember David, and all his afflictions:

2 How he sware unto the LORD, and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob.

3 Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed.

4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eye-lids,

5 Until I finde out a place for the LORD; an habitation for my mighty God of Jacob.

6 Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah; we found it in the fields of the wood.

7 We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool.

8 Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength.

9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness: and let thy saints shout for joy.

10 For thy servant David's sake, turn not away the face of thine anointed.

11 The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David, he will not turn from it, of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

12 If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony, that I shall teach them; their children also shall sit upon thy throne for evermore.

13 For the LORD hath chosen Zion: he hath desired it for his habitation.

14 This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell, for I have desired it.

15 I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.

16 I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

17 There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.

18 His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

PSAL. CXXXIII.

The benefit of the communion of saints.

A song of degrees of David.

Behold, how good & how pleasant it is, for brethren to dwell together in unity.

2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments.

3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion, for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

PSAL. CXXXIII.

An exhortation to bless God.

A song of degrees.

Behold, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD, D, which by night stand in the house of the LORD.

2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary: and bless the LORD.

3 The LORD that made heaven and earth, bless thee out of Zion.

PSAL. CXXXV.

1 An exhortation to praise God for his mercie, 5 for his power, 8 for his judgments. 15 The unity of idols. 19 An exhortation to bless God.

Praise ye the LORD, praise ye the name of the LORD, praise him, O ye servants of the LORD.

2 Ye y stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God.

3 Praise ye the LORD, for the LORD is good: sing praises unto his name, for it is pleasant.

4 For the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his peculiar treasure.

5 For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.

6 Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

7 He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth, he maketh lightnings for the rain: he bringeth the winde out of his treasures.

8 Who smote the first-born of Egypt, both of man and beast.

9 Who sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt; upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.

10 Who smote great nations, and slew mighty kings:

11 Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdom of Canaan;

12 And gave their land for an heritage, an heritage unto Israel his people.

13 Thy name, O LORD, endureth for ever, and thy memoriall, O LORD, throughout all generations.

14 For the LORD will judge his people, and he will repent himself concerning his servants.

15 The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of mens hands.

16 They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not.

17 They have eares, but they hear not: neither is there any breath in their mouths.

18 They that make them are like unto them: so is every one y trusteth in them.

19 Bless the LORD, O house of Israel: bless the LORD, O house of Aaron.

20 Bless the LORD, O house of Levi: ye that fear the LORD, bless the LORD.

21 Blessed be the LORD out of Zion, which dwelleth at Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

PSAL. CXXXVI.

An exhortation to give thanks to God for particular mercies.

O Give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Thanks for particular mercies.

2 O give thanks unto the God of gods:
for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords:
for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

4 To him who alone doth great wonders:
for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

5 To him that by wisdom made the heavens:
for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

6 To him that stretched out the earth
above the waters: for his mercy *endureth*
for ever.

7 To him that made great lights: for
his mercy *endureth* for ever.

8 The sun to rule by day: for his mercy
endureth for ever.

9 The moon and stars to rule by night:
for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

10 To him that smote Egypt in their first-
born: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

11 And brought our Israel from among
them: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

12 With a strong hand, and with a
stretched-out arm: for his mercy *endureth*
for ever.

13 To him which divided \S Red sea in-
to parts: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

14 And made Israel to passe through the
midst of it: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his
host in the Red sea: for his mercy *endu-
reth* for ever.

16 To him which led his people
through the wilderness: for his mercie
endureth for ever.

17 To him which smote great kings:
for his mercie *endureth* for ever.

18 And slew famous kings: for his
mercy *endureth* for ever.

19 Sihon king of the Amorites: for his
mercy *endureth* for ever.

20 And Og the king of Bashan: for his
mercy *endureth* for ever.

21 And gave their land for an heritage:
for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

22 Even an heritage unto Israel his
servant: for his mercie *endureth* for ever.

23 who remembered us in our low estate:
for his mercie *endureth* for ever.

24 And hath redeemed us from our
enemies: for his mercie *endureth* for ever.

25 who giveth food to all flesh: for
his mercie *endureth* for ever.

26 O give thanks unto the God of hea-
ven: for his mercie *endureth* for ever.

PSAL. CXXXVII.

1 The constancie of the Jews in captivity.

2 The prophet curseth Edom and Babel.

By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat
down: yea we wept, when we remem-
bered Zion.

2 We hanged our harps upon the wil-
lows, in the midst thereof.

3 For there they that carried us away
captive, required of us a song: and they
that walled us, required of us mirth,
saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.

4 How shall we sing the LORDS song
in a strange land?

5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my
right hand forget her cunning.

6 If I do not remember thee, let my
tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth: if
I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.

7 Remember, O LORD, the children
of Edom, in the day of Jerusalem: who
said, Rase it, rase it, even to the founda-
tion thereof.

Palms. Praise for Gods wonderful providence.

8 O daughter of Babylon, who art to be
destroyed: happy shalt thou be that remain-
eth thee, as thou hast served us.

9 Happy shalt thou be that taketh and
dalbeth thy little ones against the stones.

PSAL. CXXXVIII.

1 David praifeth God for the truth of his
word.

4 He prophesieth that the kings
of the earth shall praise God.

7 He
prophesieth his confidence in God.

A psalm of David.

I will praise thee, O my whole heart, be-
fore \S gods will I sing praise unto thee.

2 I will worship towards thy holy tem-
ple, and praise thy name, for thy loving
kindnesse, and for thy truth: for thou hast
magnified thy word above all thy name.

3 In the day when I cried, thou an-
sweredst me: and strengthenedst me with
strength in my soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise
thee, O LORD, when they hear the words
of thy mouth.

5 Yea, they shall sing in the wayes of the
LORD: for great is \S glory of the LORD.

6 Though the LORD be high, yet hath
he respect unto the lowly: but the proud
he knoweth afar off.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trou-
ble, thou wilt revive me, thou shalt
stretch forth thine hand against the wrath
of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall
save me.

8 The LORD will perfect that which
concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD,
endureth for ever: for sake not the works
of thine own hands.

PSAL. CXXXIX.

1 David praifeth God for his all-seeing
providence, and for his infinite mer-
cies.

19 He depreceth the wicked.

23 He
prayeth for sincerity.

To the chief musician, A psalm of David.

LORD, thou hast searched me, and
known me.

2 Thou knowest my down-sitting, and
mine up-rising, thou understandest my
thought afar off.

3 Thou compassedst my path, and my
lying down; and art acquainted with all
my wayes.

4 For there is not a word in my
tongue, but lo, O LORD, thou knowest
it altogether.

5 Thou hast beset me behinde and be-
fore, and laid thine hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderfull
for me: it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

7 Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or
whither shall I flee from thy presence?

8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art
there: if I make my bed in hell, behold,
thou art there.

9 If I take the wings of the morning,
and dwell in the uttermost parts of \S sea:

10 Even there shall thy hand lead me,
and thy right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, Surely \S darkness shall cover
me: even \S night shall be light about me.

12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee,
but the night shineth as the day: the dark-
nesse and the light are both alike to thee.

13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou
hast covered me in my mothers womb.

14 I will praise thee, for I am fearfully
and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy
works, & that my soul knoweth right well.

15 My

13 My

11 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret; and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

12 Thine eyes did see my substance yet being imperfect, and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

13 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God? how great is the sum of them?

14 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I wake, I am still with thee.

15 Surely thou wilt say the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore ye bloudie men.

16 For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain.

17 Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

18 I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.

19 Search me, O God, and know my heart: trie me, and know my thoughts.

20 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

PSAL. CXL.

1 David prayeth to be delivered from Saul and Dorg. 2 He prayeth against them. 3 He comforteth himself by confidence in God.

To the chief musician, A psalm of David. Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man: preserve me from a violent man.

2 Which imagine mischiefs in their heart: continually are they gathered together for war.

3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent: adders poison is under their lips. Selah.

4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked, preserve me from the violent man, who have purposed to overthrow my going.

5 The proud have hid a snare for me, & cords; they have spread a net by the way-side: they have set grins for me. Selah.

6 I said unto the LORD, Thou art my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD.

7 O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation; thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

8 Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked, further nor his wicked device, lest they eate the selves. Selah.

9 As for the head of those of that compass me about, let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

10 Let burning coals fall upon them, let them be cast into the fire; into deep fire, that they rise not up again.

11 Let not an evil speaker be established in the earth: evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.

12 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor.

13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name, the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

PSAL. CXLI.

1 David prayeth that his suit may be acceptable, & his conscience sincere, & that his life safe from snares.

LORD, I cry unto thee, make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.

2 Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth, keep the door of my lips.

4 Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties.

5 Let the righteous smite me, it shall be a kindness; and let him reprove me, it shall be an excellent oyl, which shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities.

6 When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words, for they are sweet.

7 Our bones are scattered at the graves mouth, as when one curteth and cleaveth wood upon the earth.

8 But mine eyes are unto thee, O GOD the Lord: in thee is my trust, leave not my soul destitute.

9 Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me, and the grips of the workers of iniquity.

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst that I withal escape.

PSAL. CXLII.

David sheweth that in his trouble, all his comfort was in prayer unto God.

Matthil of David; A prayer when he was in the cave.

I Cried unto the LORD with my voice: with my voice unto the LORD did I make my supplication.

2 I poured out my complaint before him; I shewed before him my trouble.

3 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path: in the way wherein I walked, have they privily laid a snare for me.

4 I looked on my right hand, & beheld, but there was no man; y would know me; refuge failed me: no man cared for my soul.

5 I cried unto thee, O LORD, I said, Thou art my refuge, and my portion in the land of the living.

6 Attend unto my cry, for I am brought very low; deliver me from my persecutors: for they are stronger than I.

7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

PSAL. CXLI.

1 David prayeth for favour in judgement. 2 He complaineth of his griefs. 3 He strengtheneth his faith by meditation and prayer. 7 He prayeth for grace, 9 for deliverance, 10 for sanctification, 11 for destruction of his enemies.

A psalm of David.

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.

2 And enter not into judgement with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul, he hath smitten my life down to the ground: he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those which have been long dead.

4 There

4 Therefore is my ſpirit overwhelmed within me : my heart within me is deſolate.

5 I remember the dayes of old, I meditate on all thy works ; I muſe on the work of thy hands.

6 I ſtretch forth my hands unto thee ; my ſoul *thiſteth* after thee, as a thiſty land. Selah.

7 Hear me ſpeedily, O LORD, my ſpirit faileth : hide not thy face from me, leſt I be like unto them y^e go down into the pit.

8 Cauſe me to hear thy loving kindneſſe in the morning, for in thee do I truſt : cauſe me to know y^e way wherein I ſhould walk, for I lift up my ſoul unto thee.

9 Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies : I flee unto thee to hide me.

10 Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God : thy ſpirit is good, lead me into the land of uprightness.

11 Quicken me, O LORD, for thy names ſake ; for thy righteouſneſſe ſake bring my ſoul out of trouble.

12 And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and deſtroy all them that afflict my ſoul : for I am thy ſervant.

PſAL. CXLIV.

1 David bleſſeth God for his mercy both to him and to man. 5 He prayeth that God would powerfully deliver him from his enemies. 9 He promiſeth to praiſe God. 11 He prayeth for the happy eſtate of the kingdom.

A pſalm of David.

Bleſſed be the LORD my ſtrength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight.

2 My goodneſſe an I my fortrefſe, my high tower and my deliverer, my ſhield, and he in whom I truſt ; who ſubdueth my people under me.

3 LORD, what is man, that thou takeſt knowledge of him ? or the ſon of man, that thou makeſt account of him ?

4 Man is like to vanity : his dayes are as a ſhadow that paſſeth away.

5 Bowe thy heavens, O LORD, and come down : touch the mountains, and they ſhall ſmoke.

6 Caſt forth lightning, and ſcatter them : ſhoot out thine arrows and deſtroy them.

7 Send thine hand from above, rid me, and deliver me out of great waters : from the hand of ſtrange children.

8 Whoſe mouth ſpeaketh vanity : & their right hand is a right hand of falſhood.

9 I will ſing a new ſong unto thee, O God : upon a pſaltery, and an inſtrument of ten ſtrings will I ſing praifes unto thee.

10 It is he that giveth ſalvation unto kings : who delivereth David his ſervant from the hurtfull ſword.

11 Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of ſtrange children ; whoſe mouth ſpeaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falſhood.

12 That our ſons may be as plants grown up in their youth ; that our daughters may be as corner ſtones, poliſhed after the ſimilitude of a palace :

13 That our garners may be full, affording all manner of ſtore, that our ſheep may bring forth thouſands, and ten thouſands in our ſtreets.

14 That our oxen may be ſtrong to labour, that there be no breaking in, nor

going out : that there be no complaining in our ſtreets.

15 Happie is that people, that is in ſuch a caſe : yea, happie is that people, whoſe God is the LORD.

PſAL. CXLV.

1 David praiſeth God for his fame, & for his goodneſſe, 15 for his kingdom, 16 for his providence, 17 for his ſaving mercy.

David's pſalm of praife.

I will extoll thee, my God, O King, and I will bleſſe thy name for ever & ever.

2 Every day will I bleſſe thee, and I will praiſe thy name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praiſed, & his greatneſſe is unſearchable.

4 One generation ſhall praiſe thy works to another, & ſhall declare thy mighty acts.

5 I will ſpeak of the glorious honour of thy majeſty, and of thy wondrous works.

6 And men ſhall ſpeak of the might of thy terrible acts : and I will declare thy greatneſſe.

7 They ſhall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodneſſe, and ſhall ſing of thy righteouſneſſe.

8 The LORD is gracious, & full of compaſſion ; flow to anger, and of great mercy.

9 The LORD is good to all : and his tender mercies are over all his works.

10 All thy works ſhall praiſe thee, O LORD, and thy ſaints ſhall bleſſe thee.

11 They ſhall ſpeak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power.

12 To make known to the ſons of men, his mighty acts, and the glorious majeſty of his kingdom.

13 Thy kingdom is an everlaſting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

14 The LORD upholdeth all that fall, & raiſeth up all thoſe y^e be bowed down.

15 The eyes of all wait upon thee, and thou giveth them their meate in due ſeaſon.

16 Thou openeſt thine ear, and ſatisfieſt the deſire of every living thing.

17 The LORD is righteous in all his wayes, and holy in all his works.

18 The LORD is high unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

19 He will fulfill the deſire of them that fear him : he alſo will hear their cry, and will ſave them.

20 The LORD preserveth all them y^e love him : but all the wicked will he deſtroy.

21 My mouth ſhall ſpeak the praife of the LORD : and let all ſinners bleſſe his holy name for ever and ever.

PſAL. CXLVI.

1 The pſalmiſt ſumeth perpetual praife to God. 3 He exhorteth, not to truſt in man.

5 God for his power, juſtice, mercie, and kingdom, is onely worthy to be truſted.

Praife ye the LORD. Traiſe the LORD, O my ſoul.

2 While I live, will I praiſe the LORD : I will ſing praifes unto my God, while I have any being.

3 Put not your truſt in princes, nor in the ſon of man, in whom there is no help.

4 His breath goeth forth, he reſteth to his earth : in every day his thoughts perith.

5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whoſe hope is in the LORD his God :

6 which made heaven and earth, y^e

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